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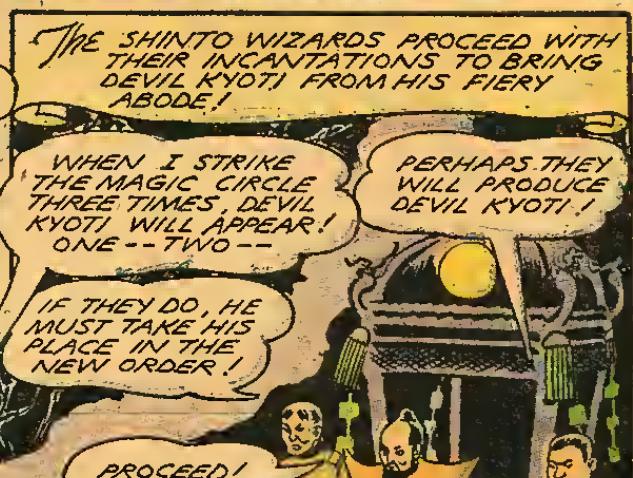
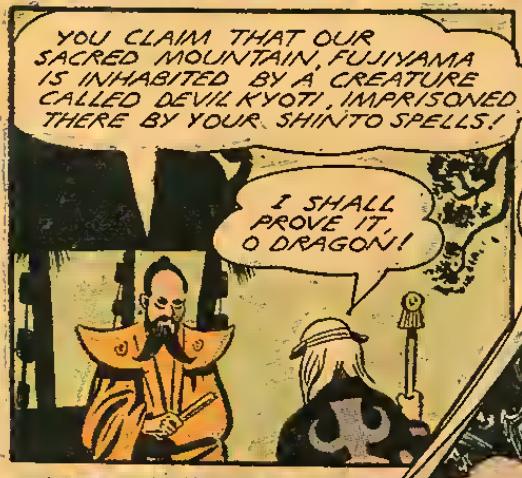
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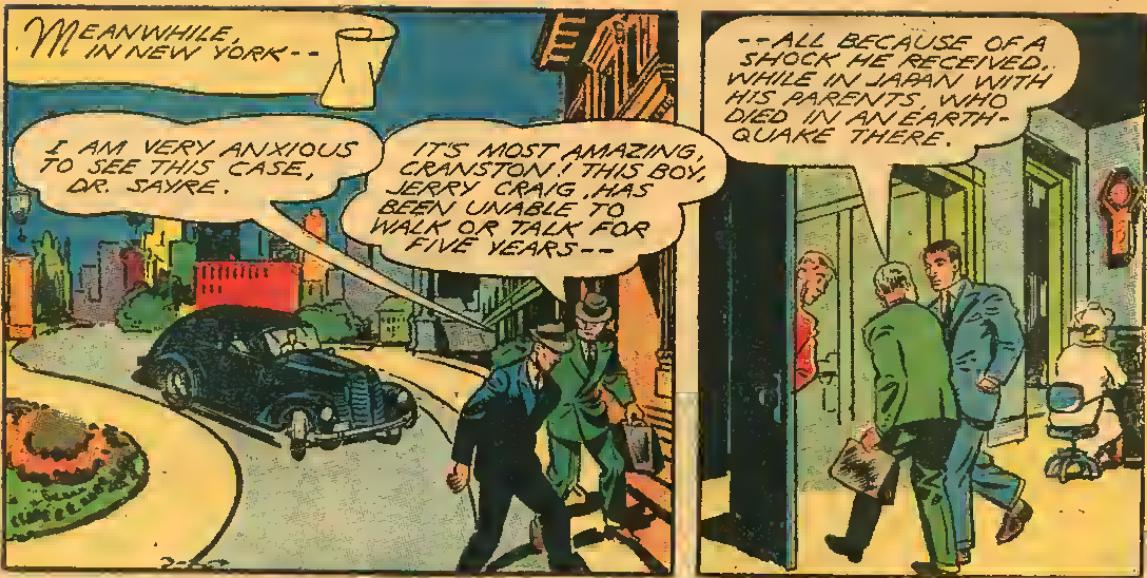


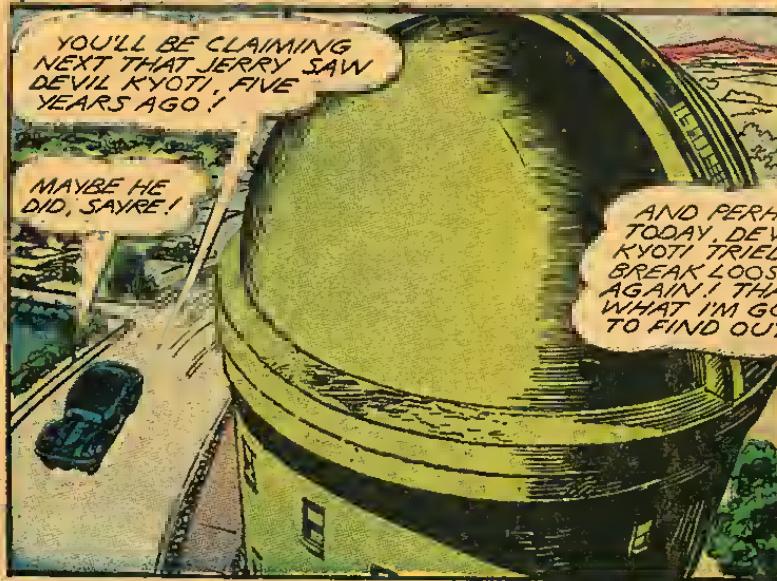
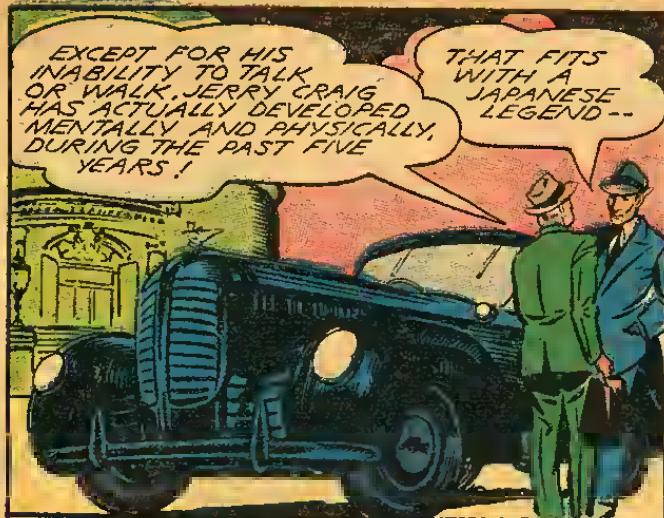
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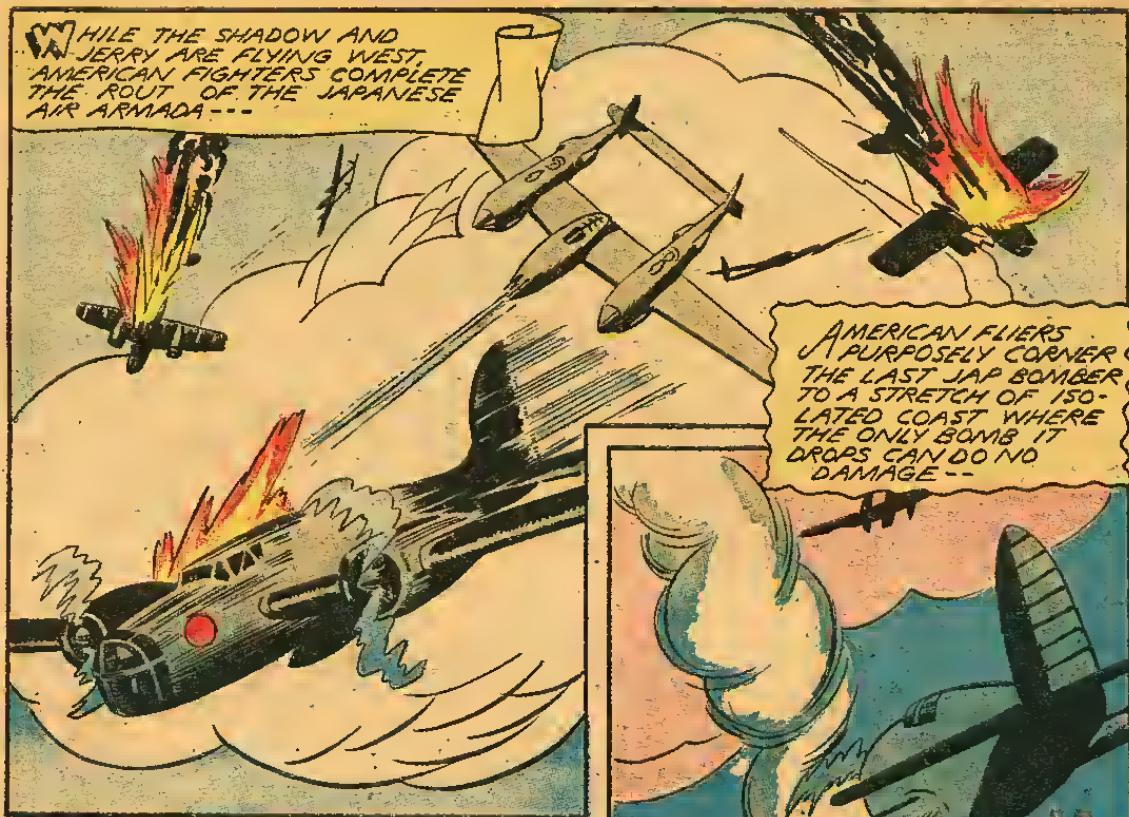


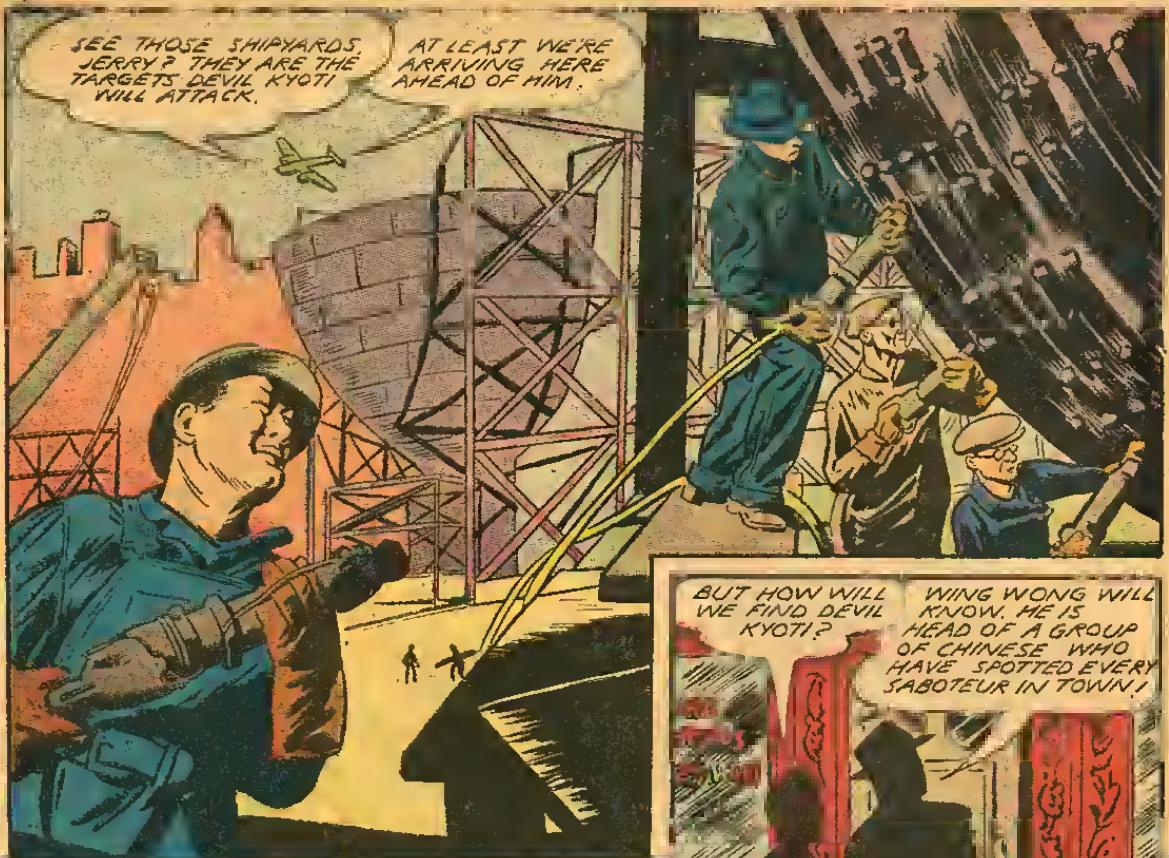


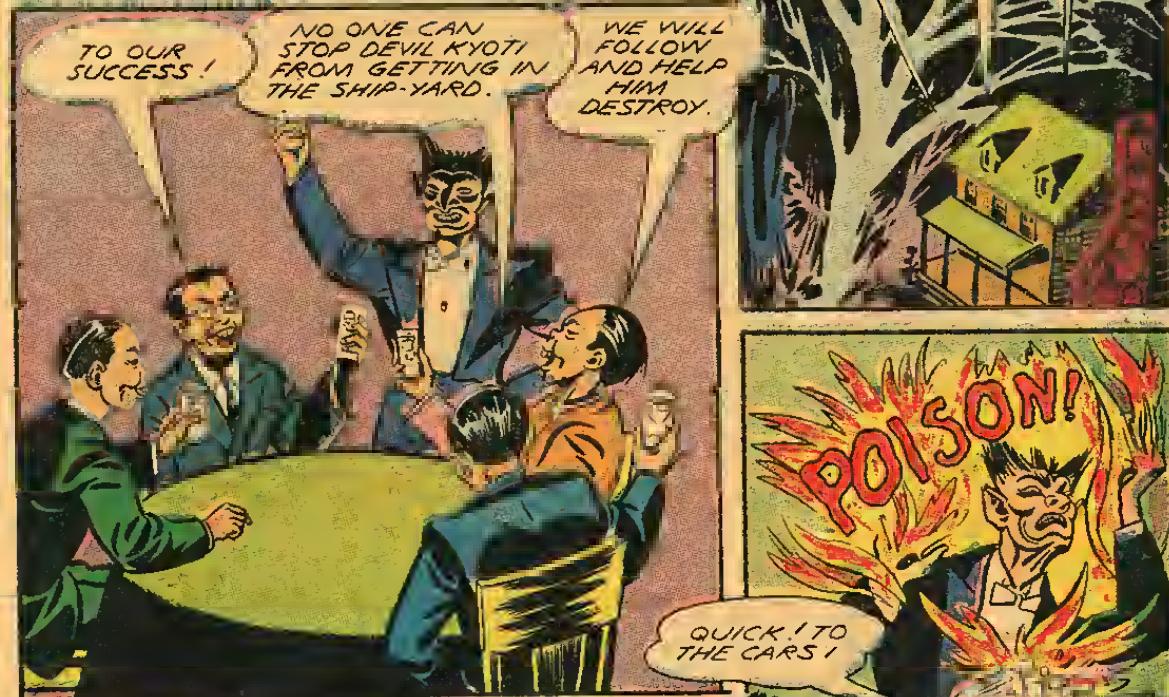




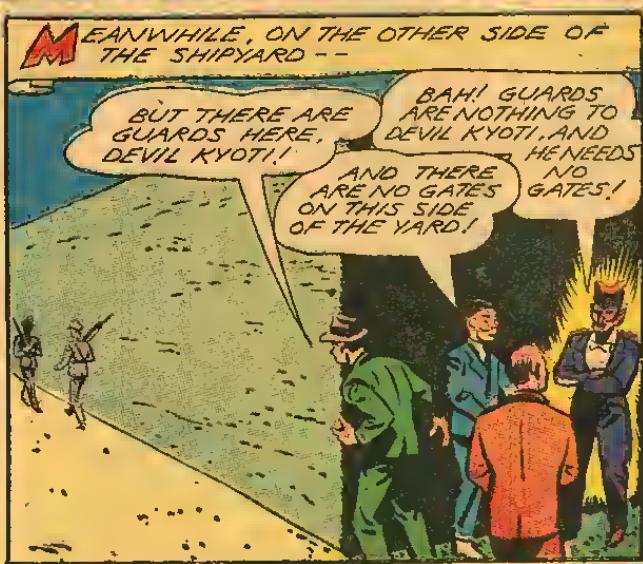


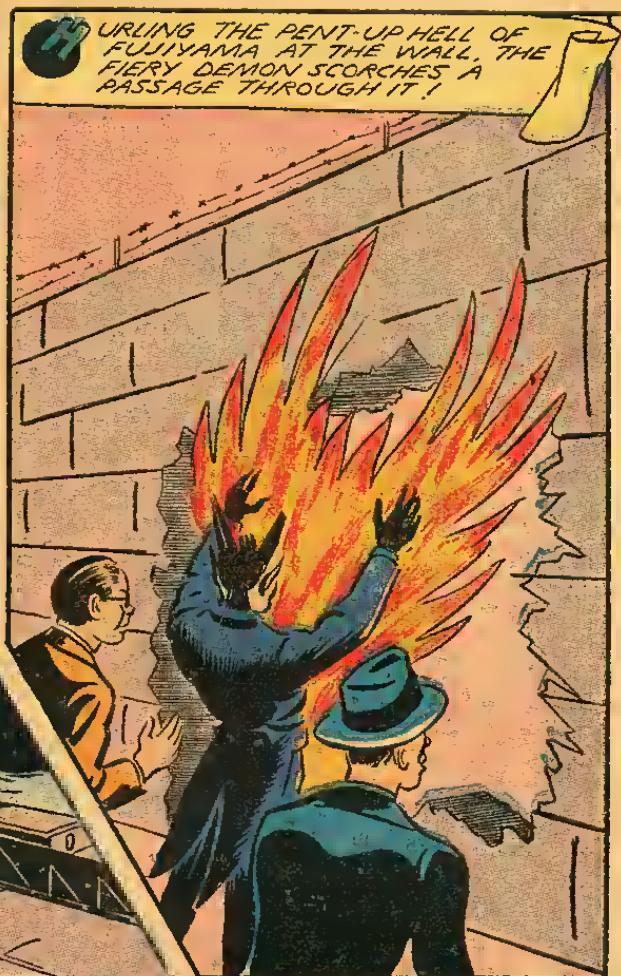




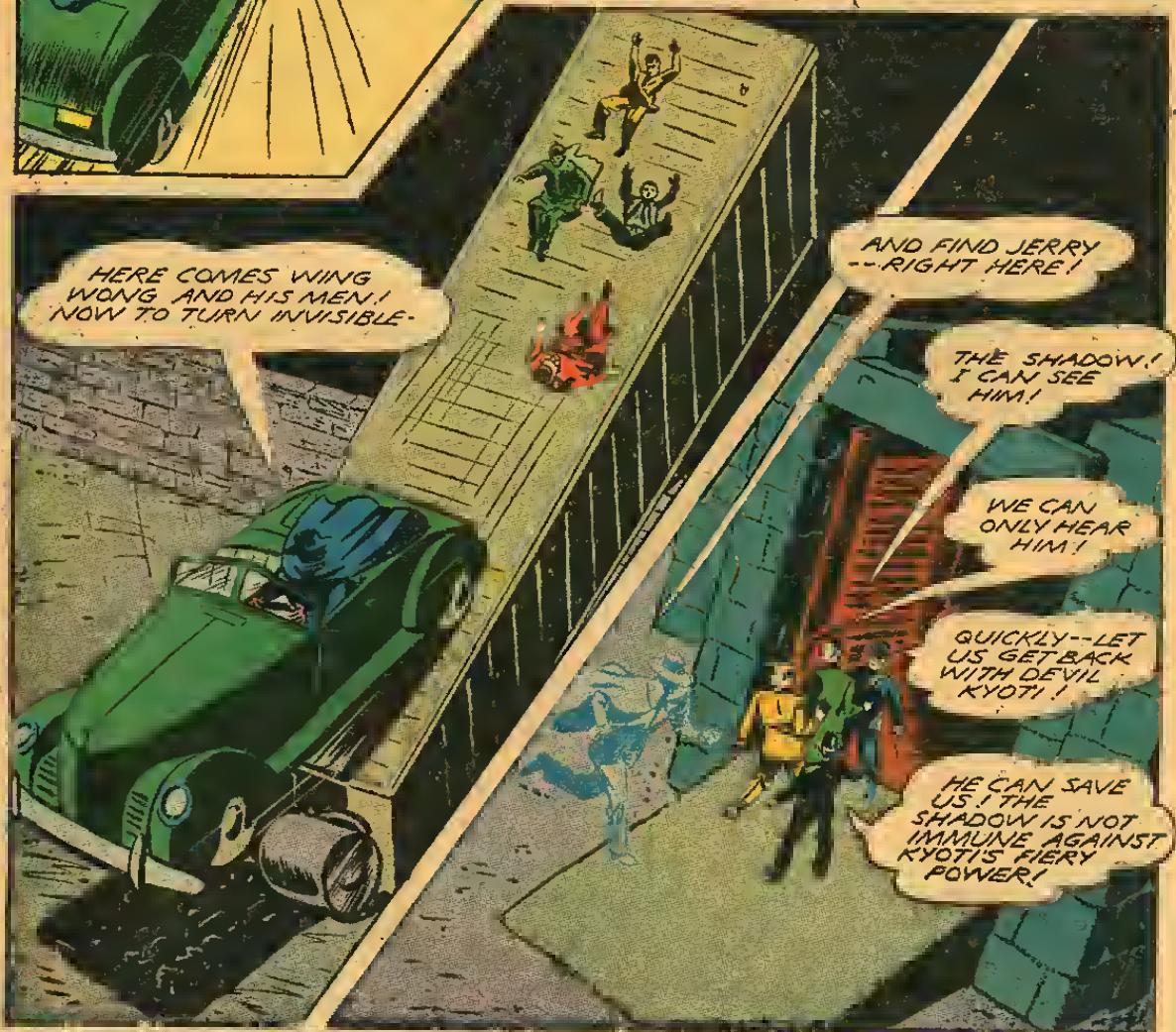
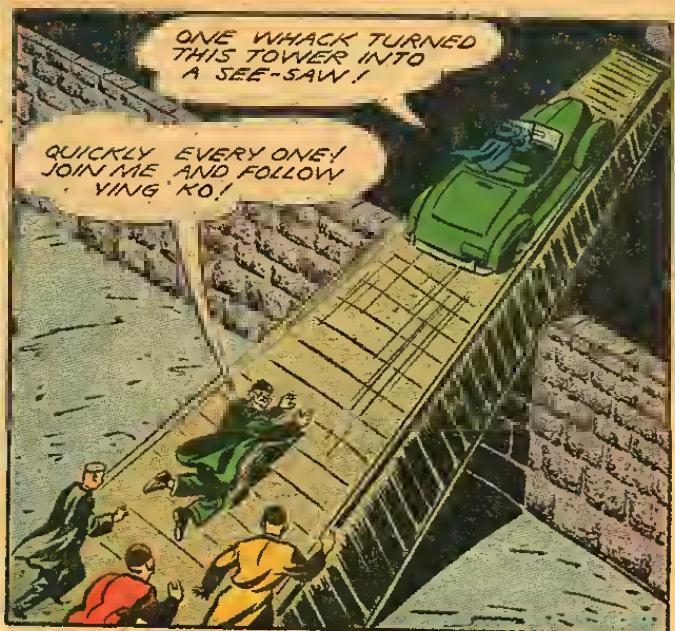


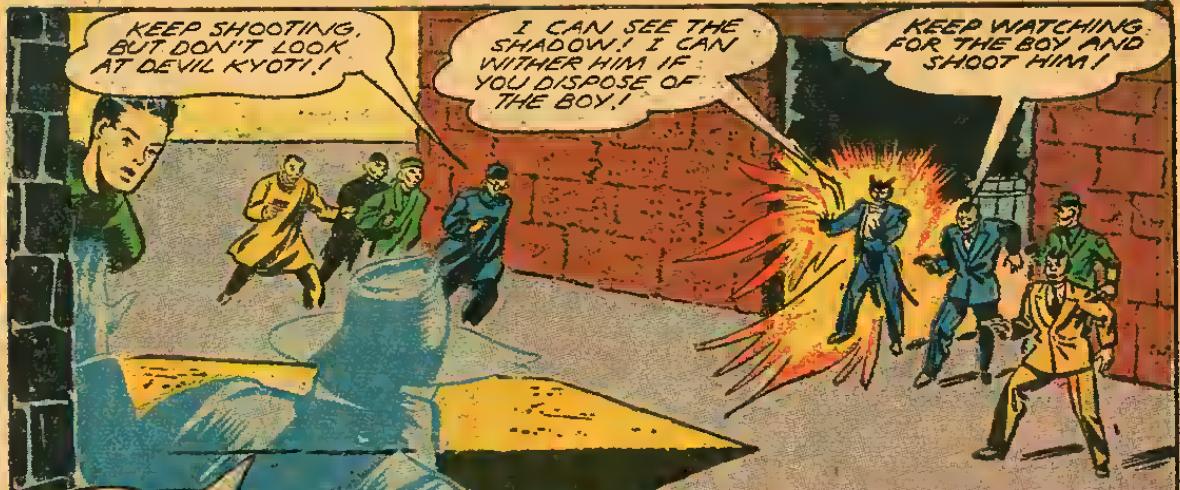


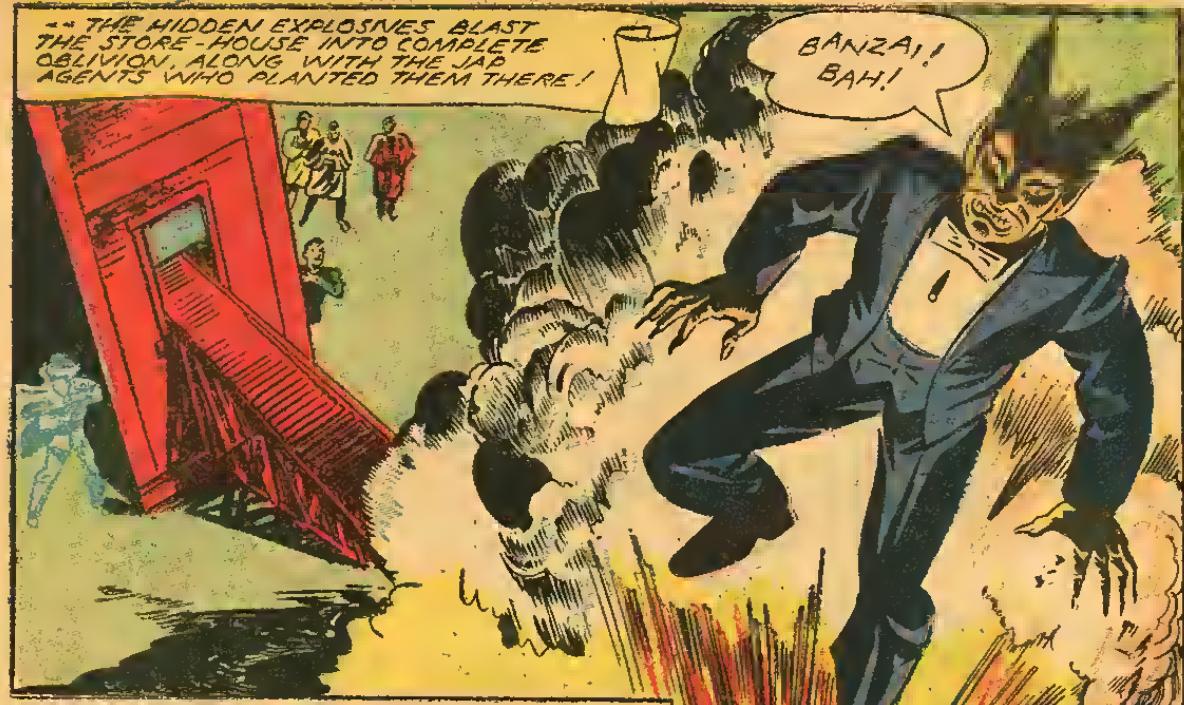












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# THE Shadow -

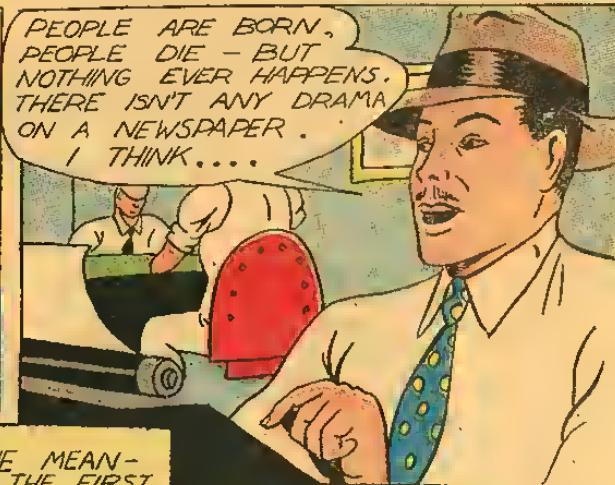
AS HE APPEARS ON THE RADIO -  
PRESENTED IN THE COMICS -



ALL YOU READERS HAVE LISTENED TO THE FAMOUS PROGRAM, **THE SHADOW**, HEARD EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 5:30 O'CLOCK OVER **WOR** AND THE MUTUAL NETWORK. AND YOU MUST WONDER ABOUT THE PLAYERS WHO TAKE THE PARTS OF LAMONT CRANSTON AND MARGO. SO **SHADOW COMICS** BRINGS YOU THE EXCLUSIVE STORY BEHIND THE **SHADOW!**

**THE SHADOW** IS PLAYED BY WILLIAM JOHNSTONE, WHO, LIKE LAMONT CRANSTON, IS TALL DISTINGUISHED-LOOKING, A MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, AND POSSESSOR OF A KEEN BRAIN.

BUT JOHNSTONE DIDN'T START LIFE AS THE MASTER OF EVIL. HE WAS BORN IN SCOTLAND, CAME TO THIS COUNTRY AT AN EARLY AGE, AND BEGAN AS A NEWSPAPER REPORTER.



ON THE MEAN-TIME, THE FIRST **SHADOW**, FRANK READICK, GAVE WAY TO NONE OTHER THAN ORSON WELLES. BUT ORSON HAD OTHER PLANS....



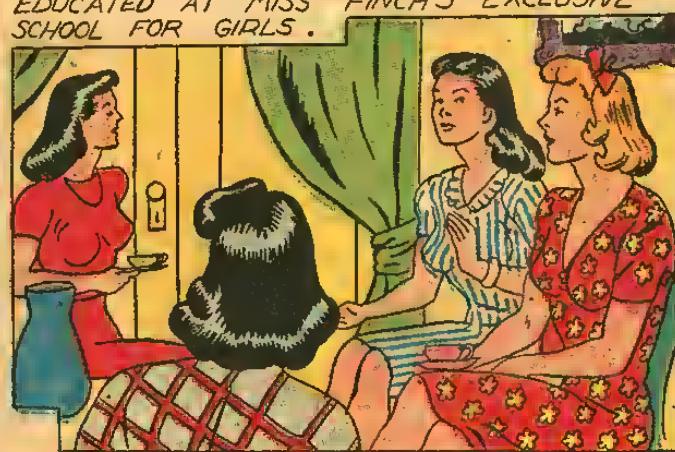
SO WILLIAM JOHNSTONE WAS THE ANSWER TO A PRAYER. HE HAD BEEN ON SEVERAL RADIO SHOWS, HAD BECOME WELL KNOWN, AND WAS A "NATURAL" IN THE PART OF CRANSTON. HE REALLY GOES TO TOWN WITH....





AND SO SHE DID... AND THIS IS MARJORIE ANDERSON'S FOURTH SEASON ON THE AIR AS MARGO, LOVELY ASSISTANT TO **THE SHADOW.**

MARJORIE, LIKE BILL JOHNSTONE, IS A REAL-LIFE COUNTERPART OF THE CHARACTER SHE PLAYS. FOR MARJORIE ANDERSON WAS A REAL DEBUTANTE, EDUCATED AT MISS FINCH'S EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.



SHE HAS ALSO DONE A LOT OF CHARITY WORK - LIKE MARGO IN THE STORY. YOU CERTAINLY ARE

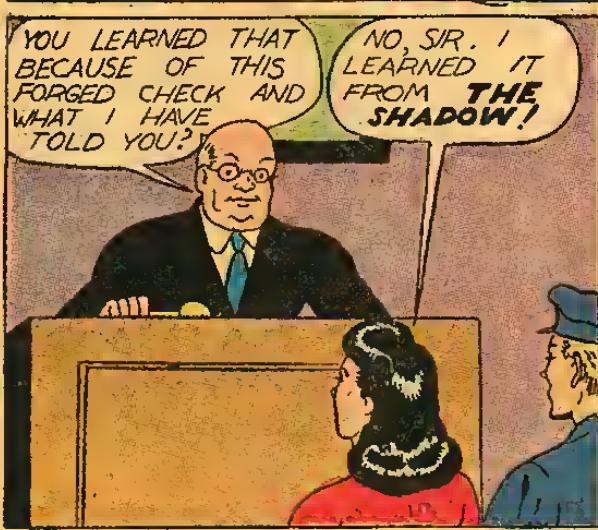
A GREAT HELP, MISS ANDERSON!



THE RADIO PROGRAM, **THE SHADOW**, HAS A FAR-REACHING EFFECT ALL OVER THE LAND: AS IN THE FOLLOWING: **TRUE STORY**:



SOCIETY IS THE CRIMINAL HERE. NOT YOU. YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO SEND YOU TO PRISON. I'M SURE YOU'VE LEARNED A LESSON FROM THIS. WHAT IS IT?



PARENTS AND TEACHERS ARE JUST AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS YOUNGSTERS ABOUT **THE SHADOW**, AND MYSTERY FANS LOVE IT...



DON'T FORGET - **THE SHADOW** IS BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:30 NYWT OVER MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM. AND MANY OTHER STATIONS. CONSULT YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER. BE SURE TO LISTEN!

# DANNY GARRETT

"YOU'LL DIE LAUGHING"

**WOW!** DID THE LITTLE CLOWN THREATEN THE DEATH OF DANNY AND HIS BEST FRIEND, SKINNY? WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE STRANGE HOUSE THAT DANNY FOUND? WHAT WAS HIDDEN DEEP, DOWN IN THE CELLAR OF THIS GHASTLY HOUSE?

ILLUSTRATED  
BY RICK BARTER

READ ALL ABOUT  
THE NEW WEAPON...  
THOUSANDS DIE! HERE  
YA ARE...LATEST PAPER!

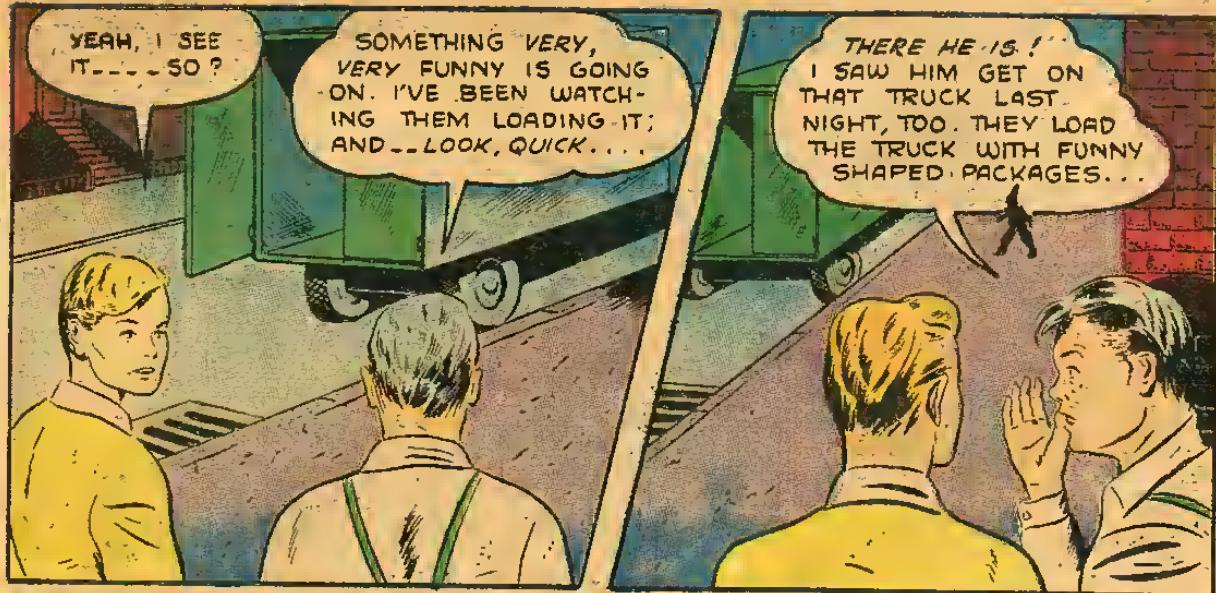
WHAT  
KILLING,  
SKINNY?

SHH - SCIENTISTS  
HAVE FOUND A NEW WAY  
TO KILL MOSQUITOS--

THANK YOU,  
SIR.

YOU CAN THINK OF MORE  
WAYS TO SELL PAPERS!  
WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO TELL ME?

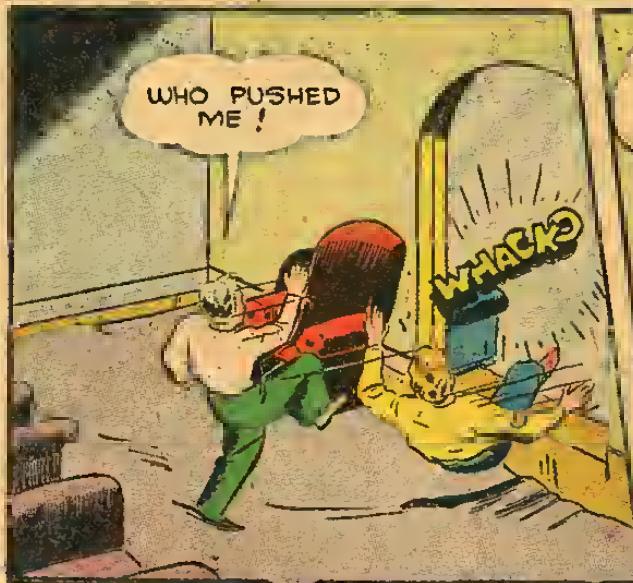
YOU SEE  
THAT  
TRUCK?

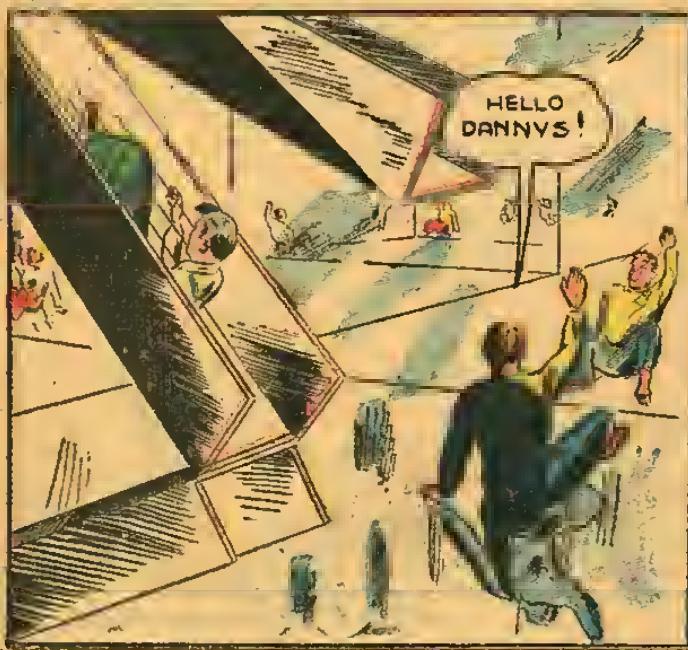
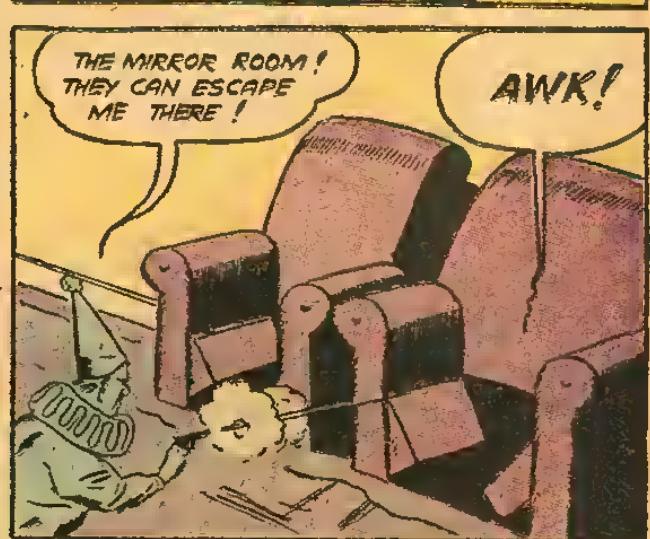
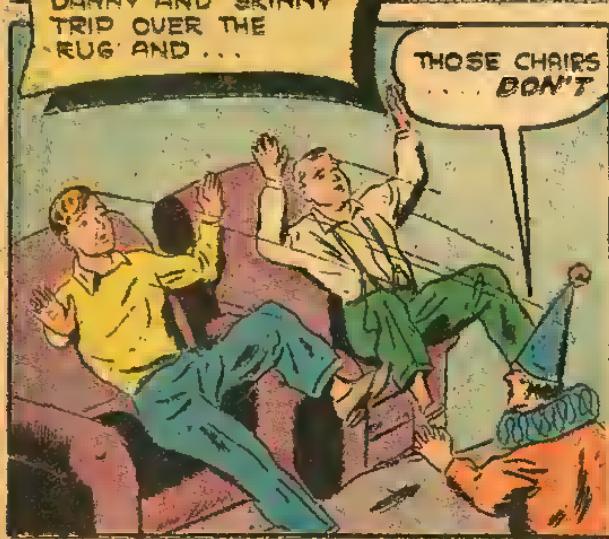
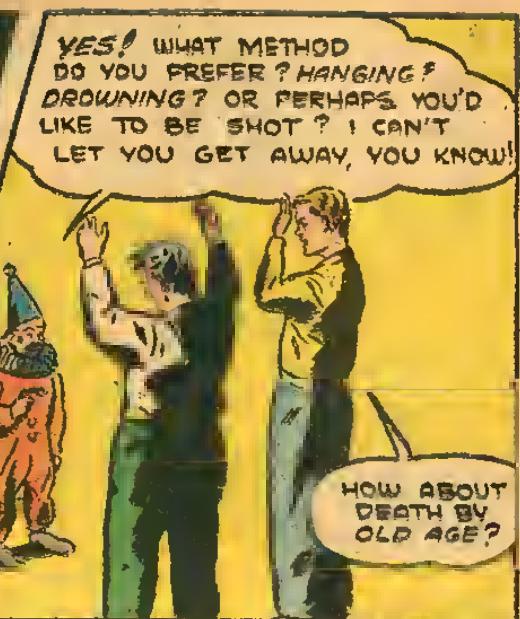
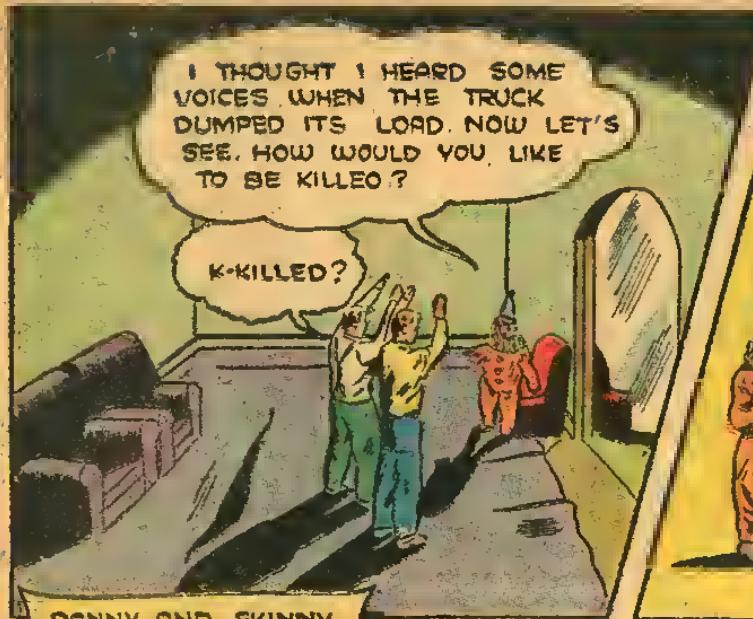


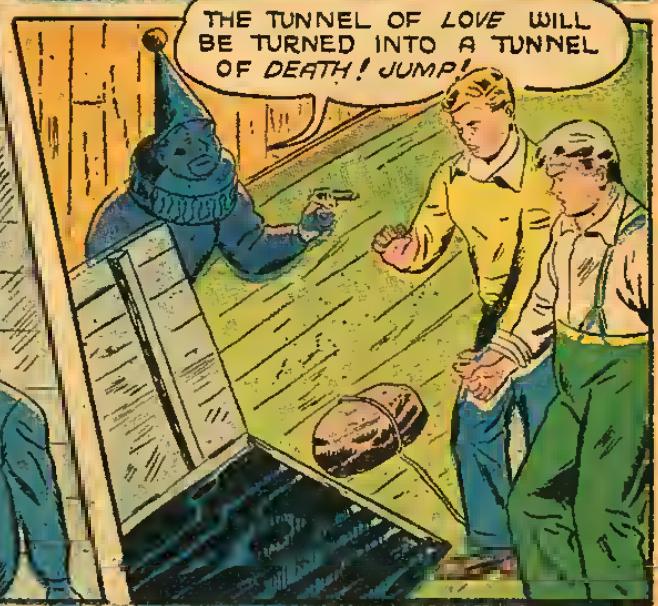
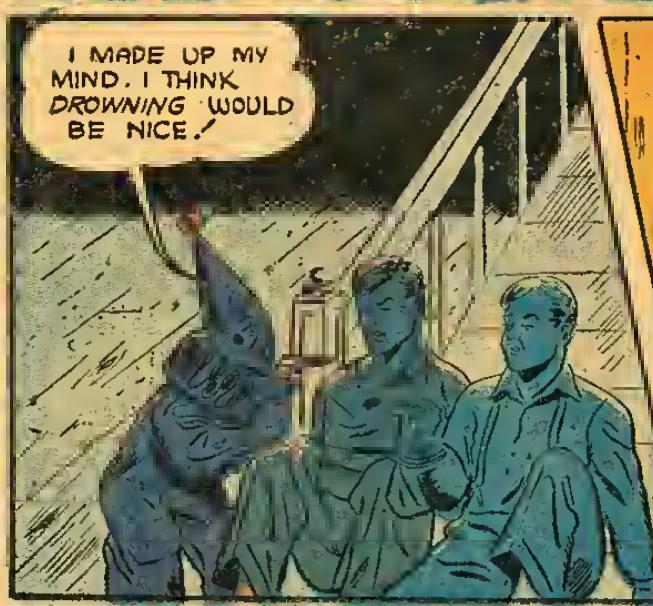
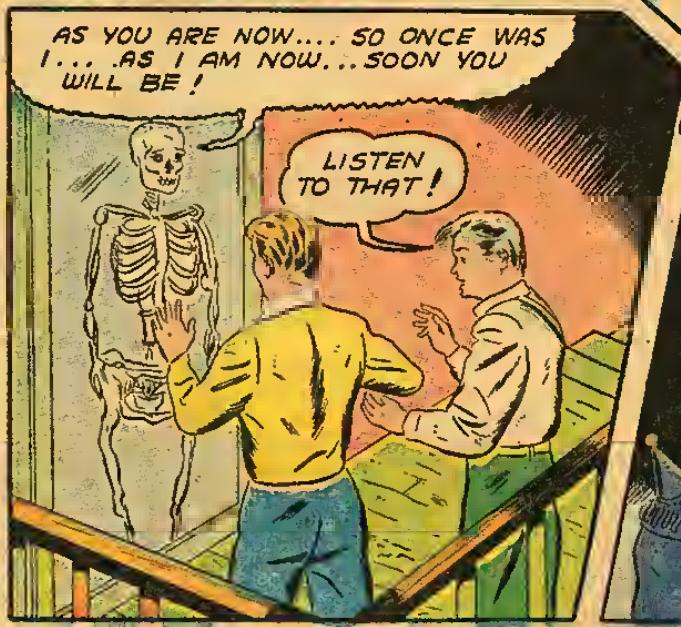


THEY LOCKED  
THE CELLAR WINDOW!

WHAT'S THAT  
LIGHT OVER THERE?  
I THINK I SEE SOME  
STAIRS. C'MON.

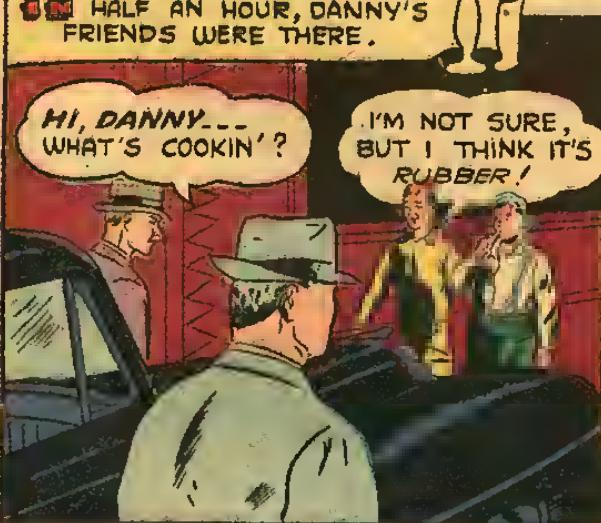
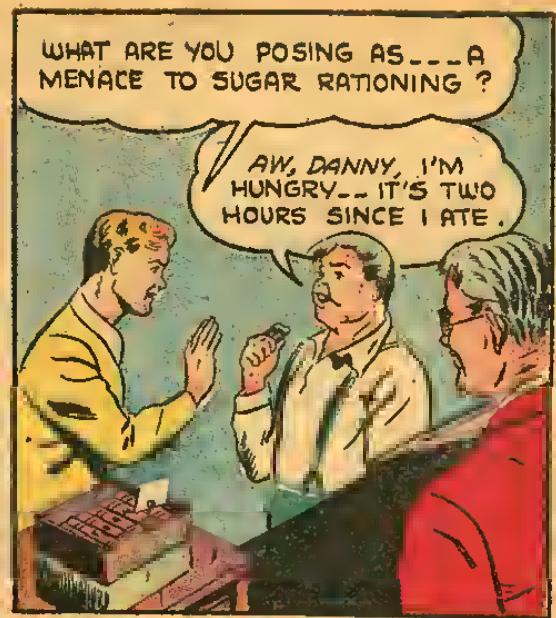
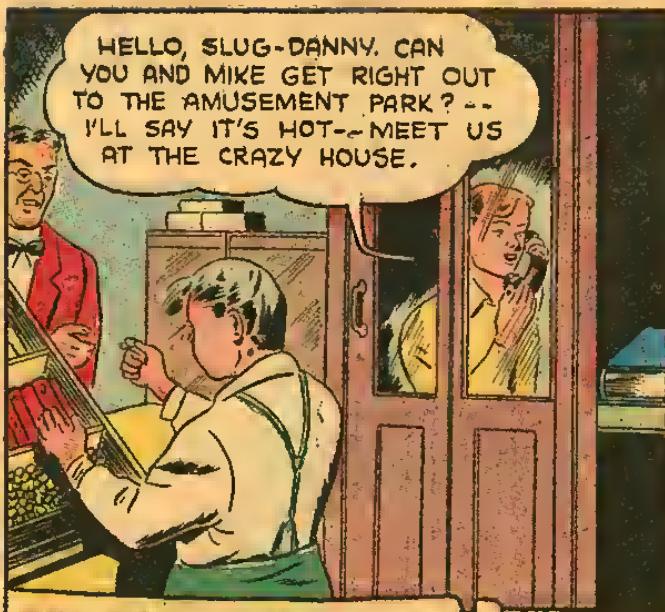


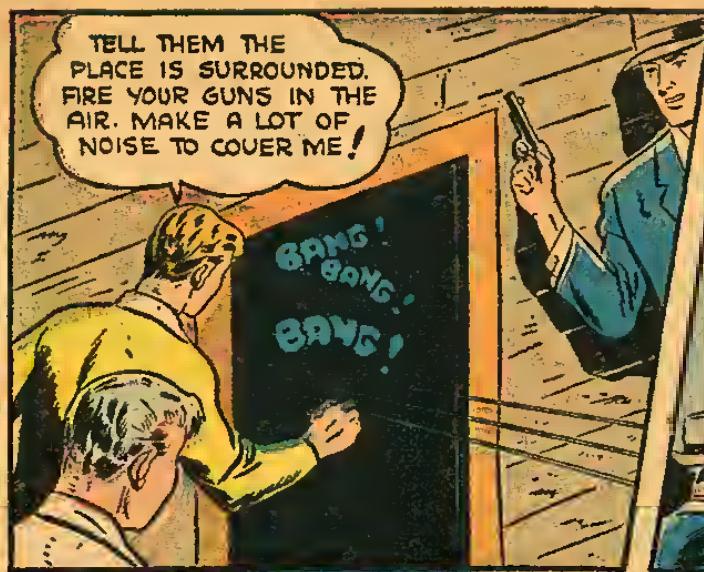






YOU'D BETTER CALL THOSE  
COP FRIENDS OF YOURS. I  
WANNA KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL  
ABOUT! THERE'S A CIGAR STORE THERE.



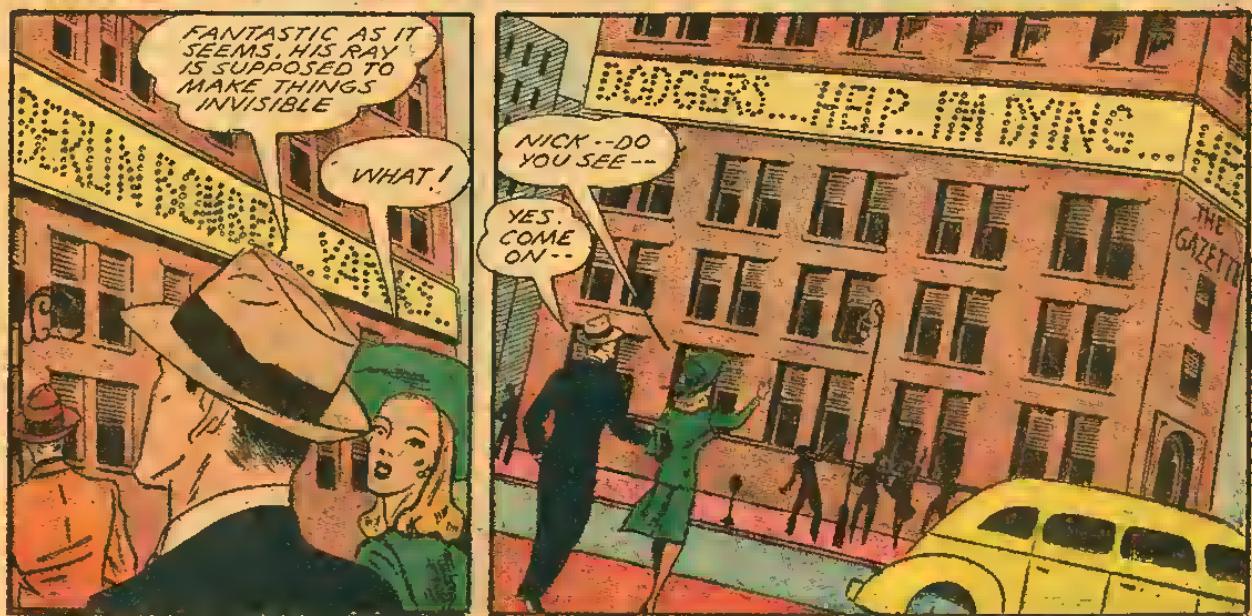
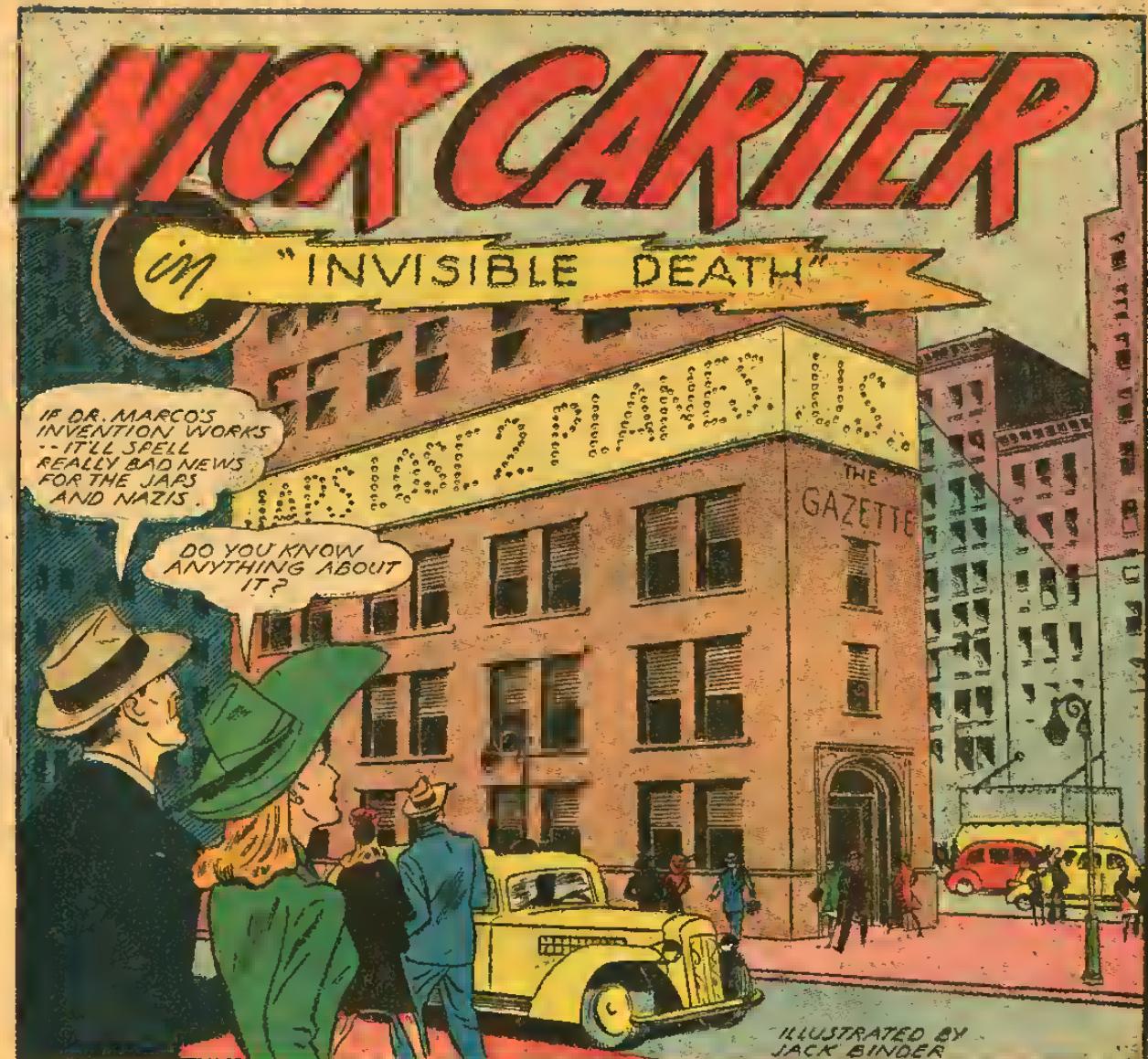


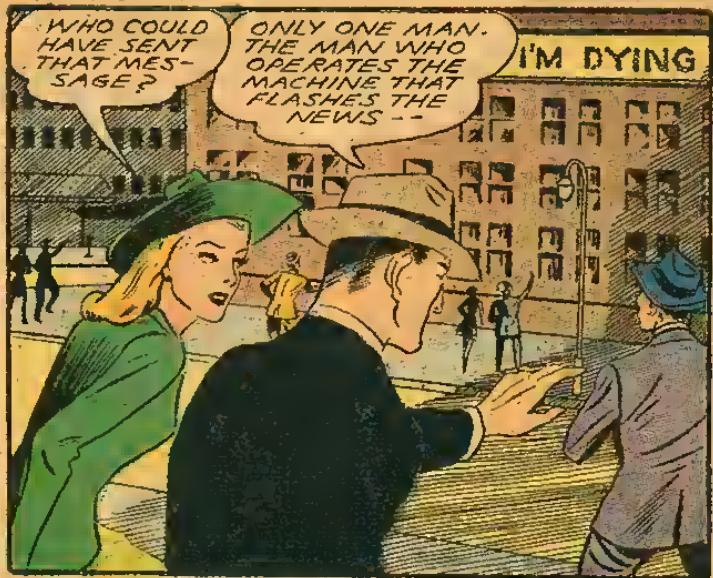
SKINNY GETS  
THE CREDIT. HE  
SPOTTED THE CLOWN.  
THAT GAVE US THE  
LEAD.

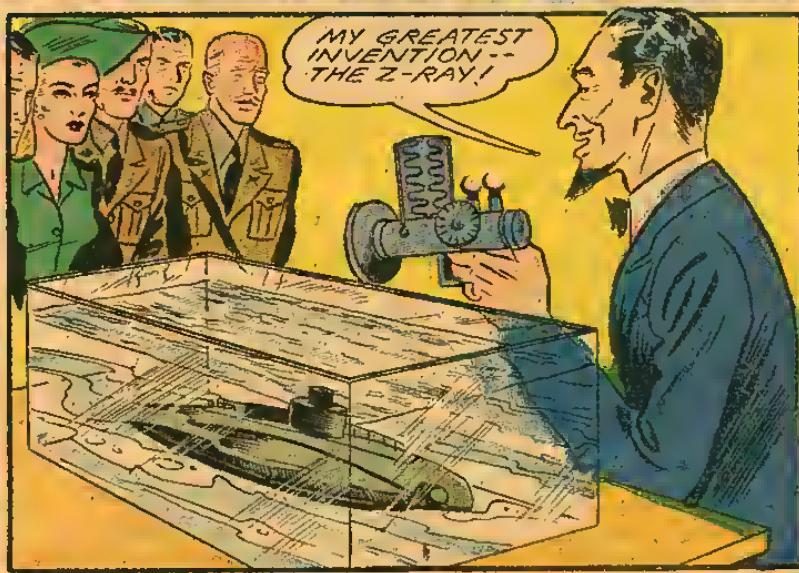
A BEAUTIFUL JOB, DANNY.  
THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN  
LOOTING EVERY TIRE  
STORE IN THE CITY. THEY  
WERE BOOTLEGGING THE  
HOT TIRES AT \$ 50  
APIECE.

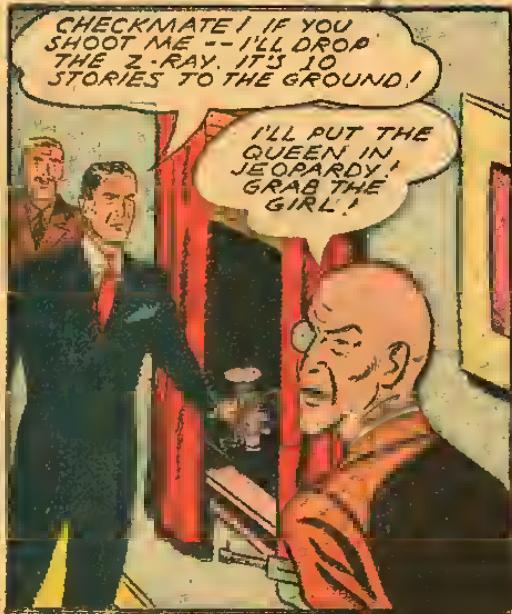
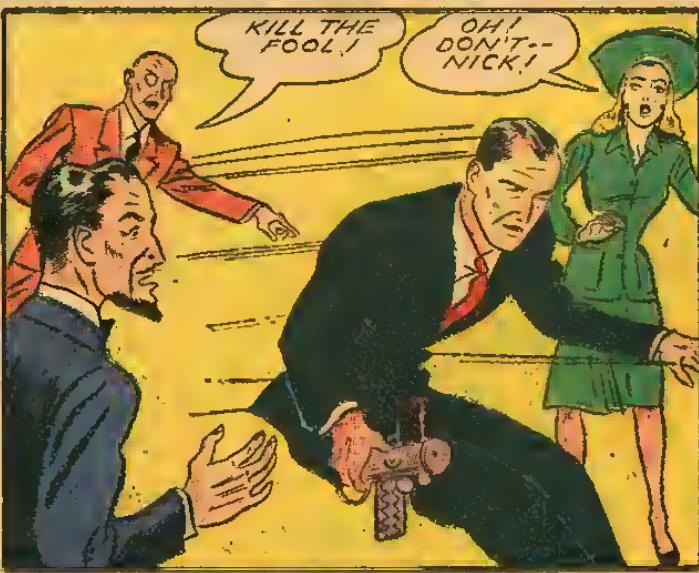
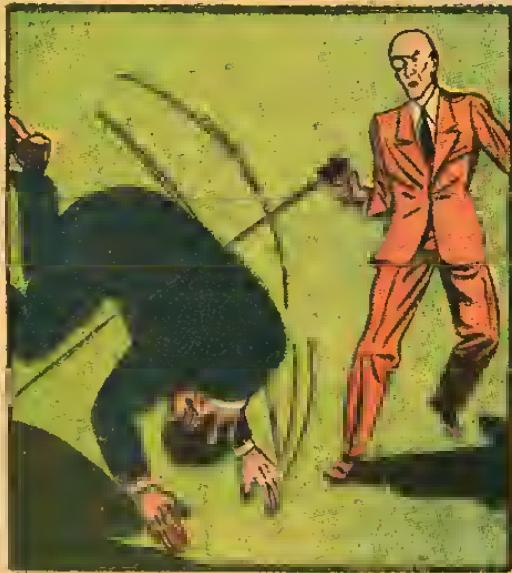


ALL IS RUINED. THE BEST  
HIDEOUT IN THE WORLD--  
THE BEST RACKET ---ALL--  
ALL GONE . . . .



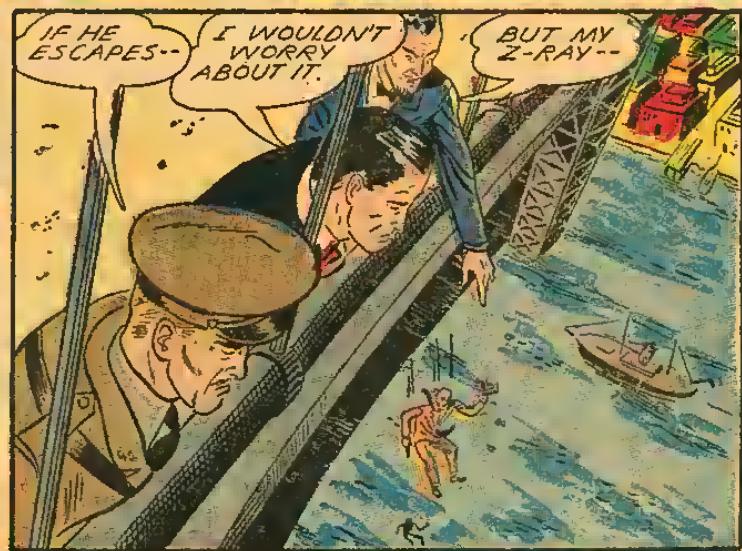
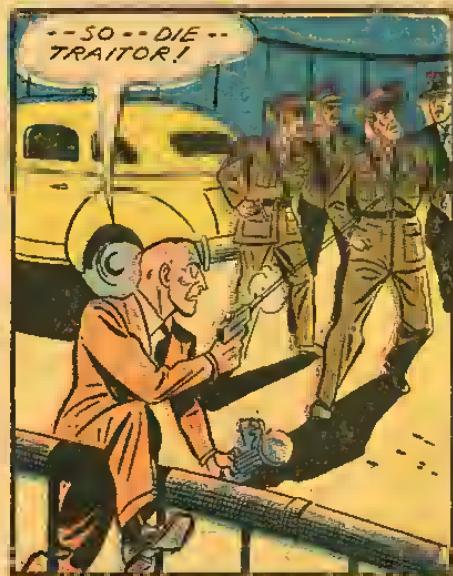
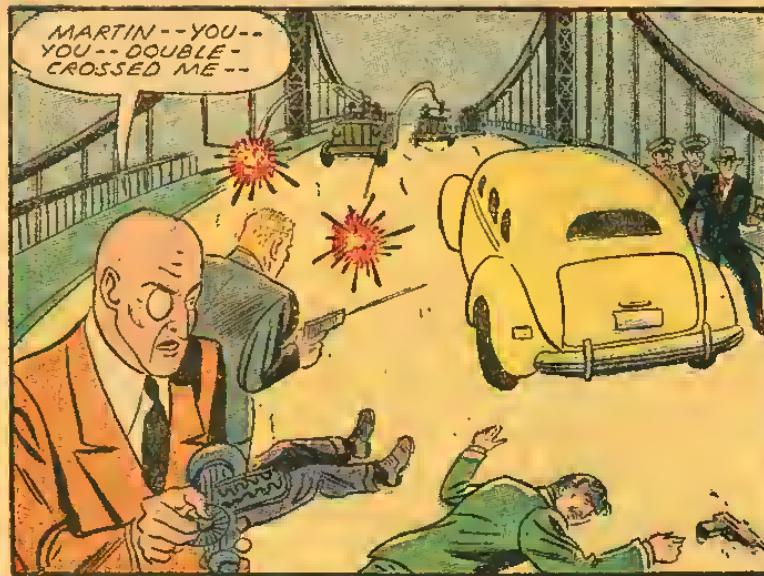














# REEBO of Jungle Isle AND HIS WONDER-HORSE **FLEET**

"BATTLE for the  
JUNGLE THRONE"



I WILL MAKE THE  
THUNDER-STICK  
ROAR LIKE BEEBO  
AND SHOW THEM  
I'M NOT THE  
NINNY! LOOK!

HAVING DRIVEN  
FROM THEIR IS-  
LAND THE CHIEF  
OF THE INVADING  
WARRIOR'S. THE  
FIRST HUMANS  
BEEBO HAD EVER  
SEEN. HE, FLEET  
AND CHEETA GO  
BACK TO THEIR  
QUIET LIFE OF  
EATING, SLEEPING  
AND PLAYING  
UNTIL ---

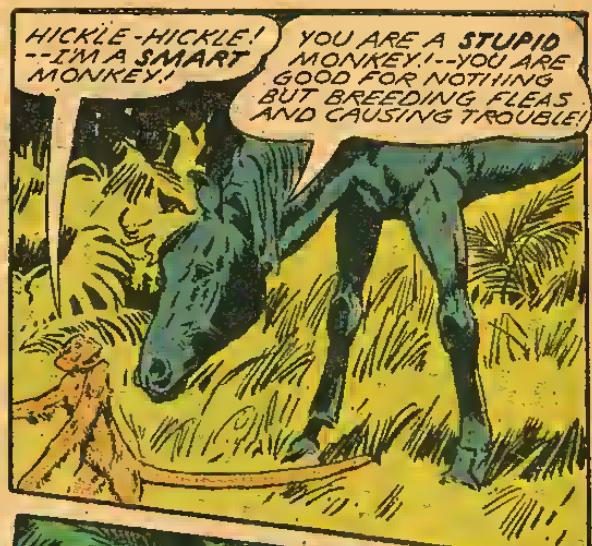
BY A.M. FROELICH  
and JACK BINDER

ONE DAY, WHILE BEEBO AND FLEET  
SLEEP IN THE SUN, CHEETA DE-  
CIDES TO SATISFY A LONGING  
CURIOSITY ---

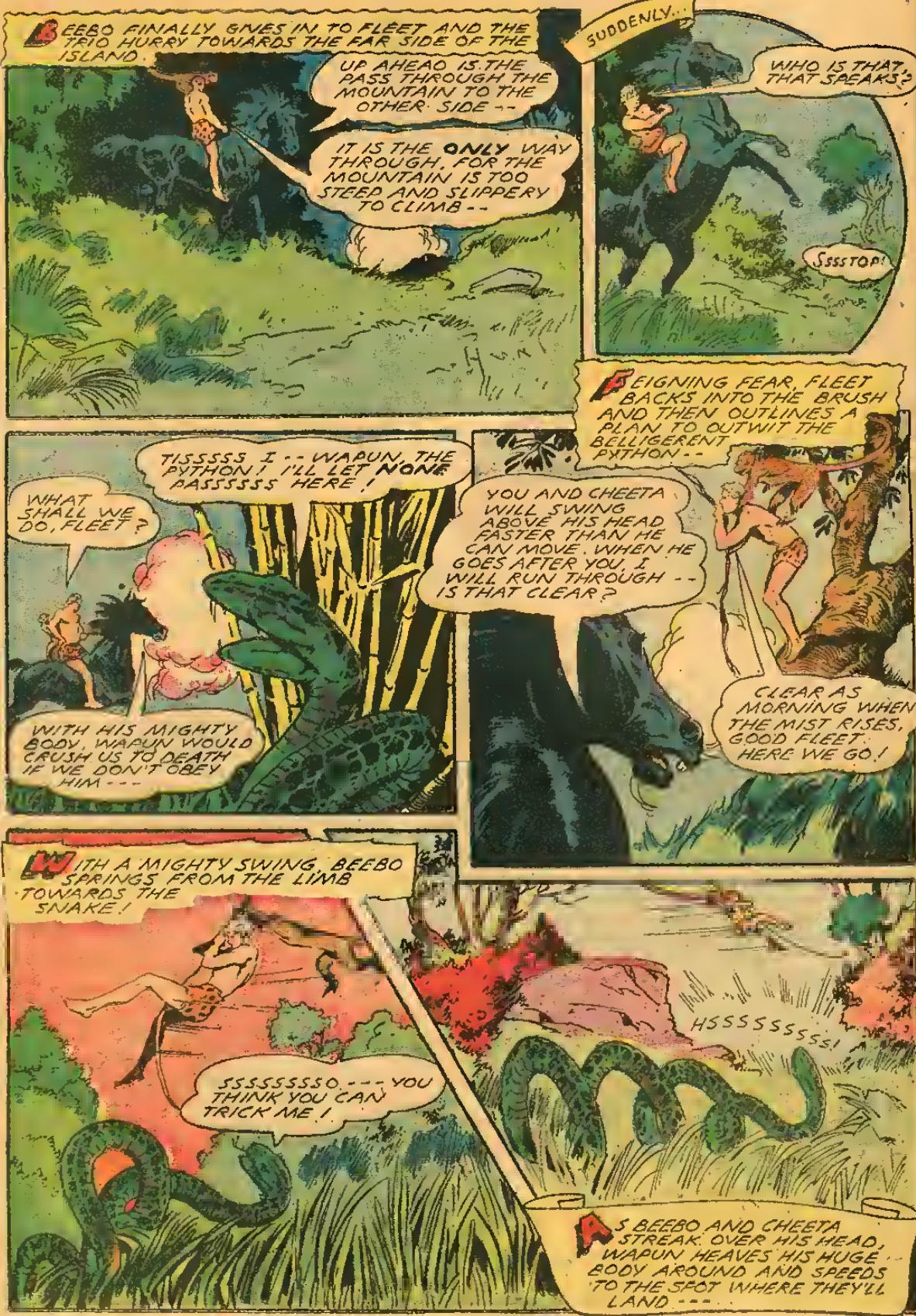


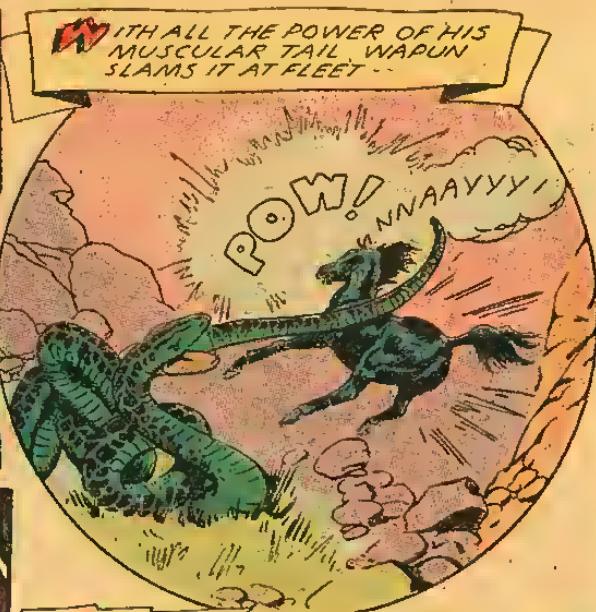
The BULLET OR  
"SPIT-STONE"  
AS THEY CALL IT,  
CRASHES INTO A COCO-  
NUT TREE!

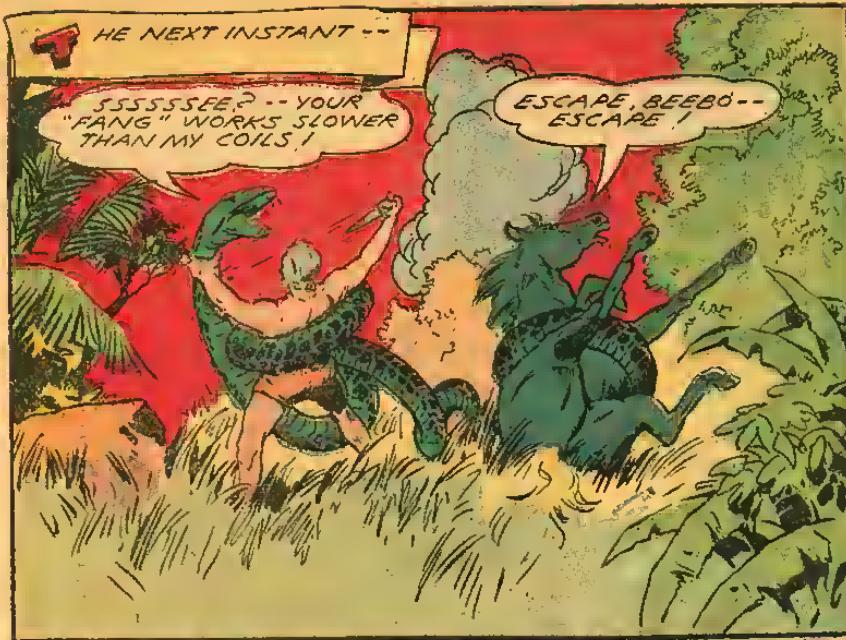












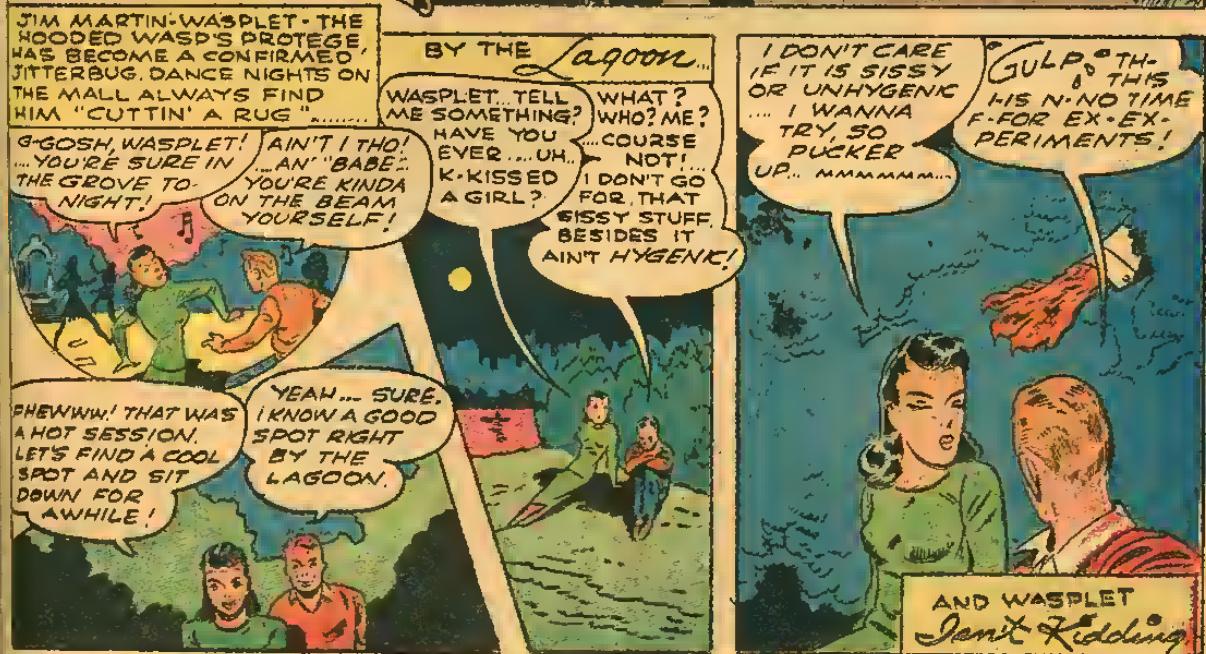


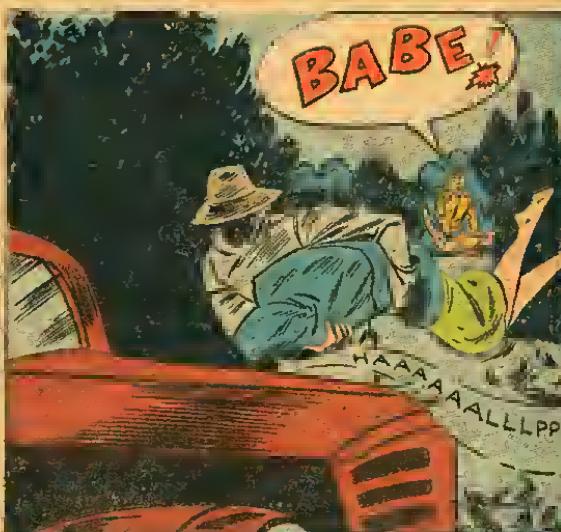
**R**AEG'S SHARP TEETH TEAR FURIOUSLY AT WAPUN'S BACK, BUT SLOWLY, THE GIGANTIC COILS SPIN ABOUT HIM, EXERTING DEADLY PRESSURE!



**T**HE HORRIBLE PRESSURE FINALLY FORCES THE JUNGLE KING TO LET GO!







**AN HOUR LATER, THE HOODED WASP GETS A 'PHONE CALL....**

...YES.... YES.... I KNOW WHERE  
IT IS. KEEP AN EYE ON THE  
PLACE, WASPLET, AND I'LL  
BE RIGHT OUT. ALL YOU'VE  
TOLD ME SOUNDS FANTASTIC  
..... BUT I'LL TAKE YOUR  
WORD TILL I SEE FOR  
MYSELF...



THE COUNTER MAN'S CALL REACHES DR. ZANDRICKS IN HIS LABORATORY...

THE HOODED WASP!...AHHH!..COMING HERE, EH?...HEHEH!...I WILL SET A CUNNING TRAP FOR HIM AND HIS MEDDLING WASPLET!



# THE MAD DOCTOR JABS IN THE NEEDLE!

HAHAH...  
EH?... BUT

HAHAH.. IT HURTS...  
EH?... BUT SOON IT  
WILL BE GONE, MY  
LITTLE DOE.... NO  
PAIN...NOTHING. AND  
THEN YOU WILL BE  
NO LONGER A GIRL  
... BUT A SOFT-  
EYED DUE.



ASPLET HANGS UP THE RECEIVER AND WALKS OUT OF THE DINER, WATCHING HIM SLYLY THE COUNTER MAN PICKS UP THE PHONE .....



I HEARD YOU!....YOU'D BETTER LET MEGO OR THE HOODED WASP WILL KILL YOU!....

) DONT EXCITE YOURSELF, MY LITTLE DOE!...I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF AND THE HOODED WASP!....

MEANTIME, WE SHALL START YOUR TRANS-FORMATION INTO A SOFT-EYED DOE WITH THIS INJECTION....



THE PAIN-STRICKEN, MISERABLE, UNHAPPY  
GIRL FAINTS AS HER TORMENTORS HOWL  
THEIR SADISTIC GLEE!

НАНАНАНАНАНАНА

MEEAABOWWW



LATER, DR.ZANDRICKS AND THE CAT-MAN PREPARE THE TRAP FOR THE HOODED WASP AND WASPLET.....

HEHE!.. THE TRAP IS READY...  
NOT EVEN ONE WITH THE SHARP EYES OF THE HOODED WASP CAN DETECT IT! .... EH?



MEOW

A FEW SECONDS LATER, AS ZANDRICKS PLANNED, THE HOODED WASP AND WASPLET CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE WALL BY AN OVERHANGING TREE BRANCH.....



WASP AND WASPLET JUMP... BUT NOT TO SOLID GROUND!

WHOA... WHAT THE .... ??

YI!



MINUTES LATER, A SMALL DOOR IN THE PIT OPENS.....

STEP IN, PLEASE

I'LL GO FIRST... LET YOU KNOW IF IT'S OKAY... "WOW!" WHATA BLINDING LIGHT!



LOOK, WASP!... THERE'S THE CAT-MAN I TOLD YOU ABOUT!

SURE ENOUGH!... HEY, UP THERE.... WHAT GOES WITH US NOW THAT WE'RE TRAPPED!



CRAWLING THROUGH, THE HOODED WASP FINDS HIMSELF IN A PORTABLE ANIMAL CAGE.....

I HOPE YOU'RE CONVINCED YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME, WASP! THAT'S A FUNNY THING.... NOT EVEN SIMPLE THINGS LIKE CAGES CAN CONVINCE ME I'M LICKED.

COME ON, WASPLETS...

COMING!

MEOW!



NOT LONG AGO, ALL THESE ANIMALS WERE MEN LIKE YOU... I HAVE DISCOVERED AN ELECTRICAL PROCESS TO INJECT ANIMAL CHARACTERISTICS INTO THE HUMAN BEING... MOST INTERESTING!

YOU MUST HAVE STARTED ON YOURSELF WITH A RAT!

THESE ARE MY MOST SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS... STRANGE TOO, BECAUSE THEY WERE ROBBERS AND MURDERERS WHEN HUMANS IT SEEMS OF ALL MY MAN-ANIMALS THESE ARE ALL THAT LIKE ME! BECAUSE THE OTHERS WERE DECENT CITIZENS AND HAVE A NATURAL REPUGNANCE FOR AN ENEMY OF SOCIETY LIKE YOU.



BOUND AND THROWN INTO A SMALL WOODEN CELL, THE HOODED WASP AND WASPLET ARE INJECTED WITH THE SAME SERUM INJECTED INTO "BABE".....

WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL AT ALL... BUT ARE YOU TURNING AN INSECT!... HEHEHEH!... A ME INTO? COMMON HOUSE FLY! QUITE A COME DOWN FOR A WASP... HEHEHEHE!



LEFT ALONE, THEY SOON FEEL A NUMBNESS FROM THE SERUM OVERTAKE THEM. SUDDENLY.....



A HALF HOUR LATER!

IT'S ALMOST THROUGH... WHATEVER IS IT, CHEWED A HOLE - RIGHT THROUGH THE WOOD WALL!

FROM WHAT I CAN SEE... IT LOOKS LIKE A.....



BEAVER!

IT'S A BEAVER-MAN!



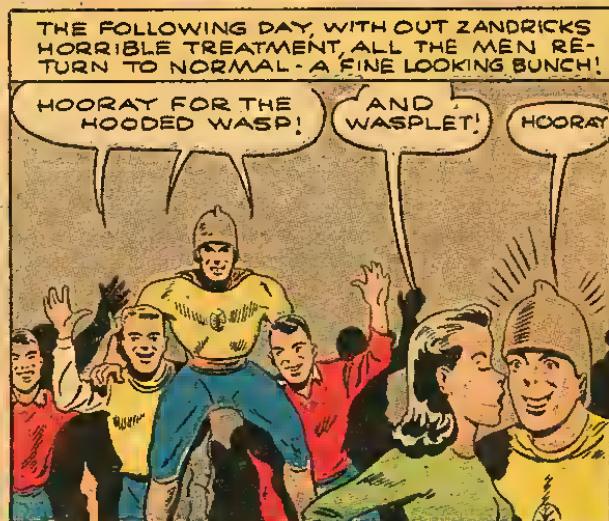


AND AS THE CRUEL, MAD ZANDRICKS PULLS THE SWITCHES.....

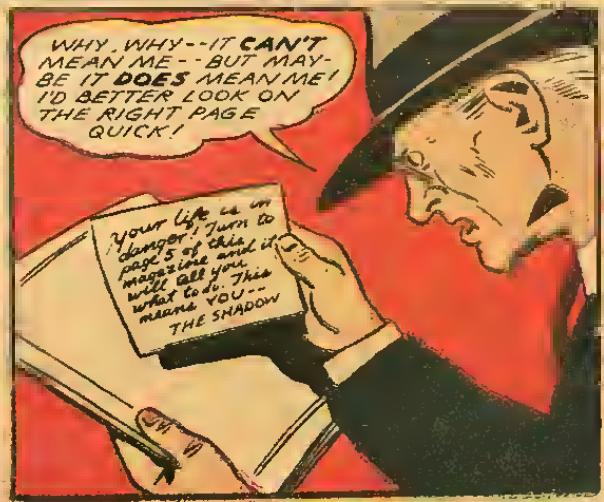
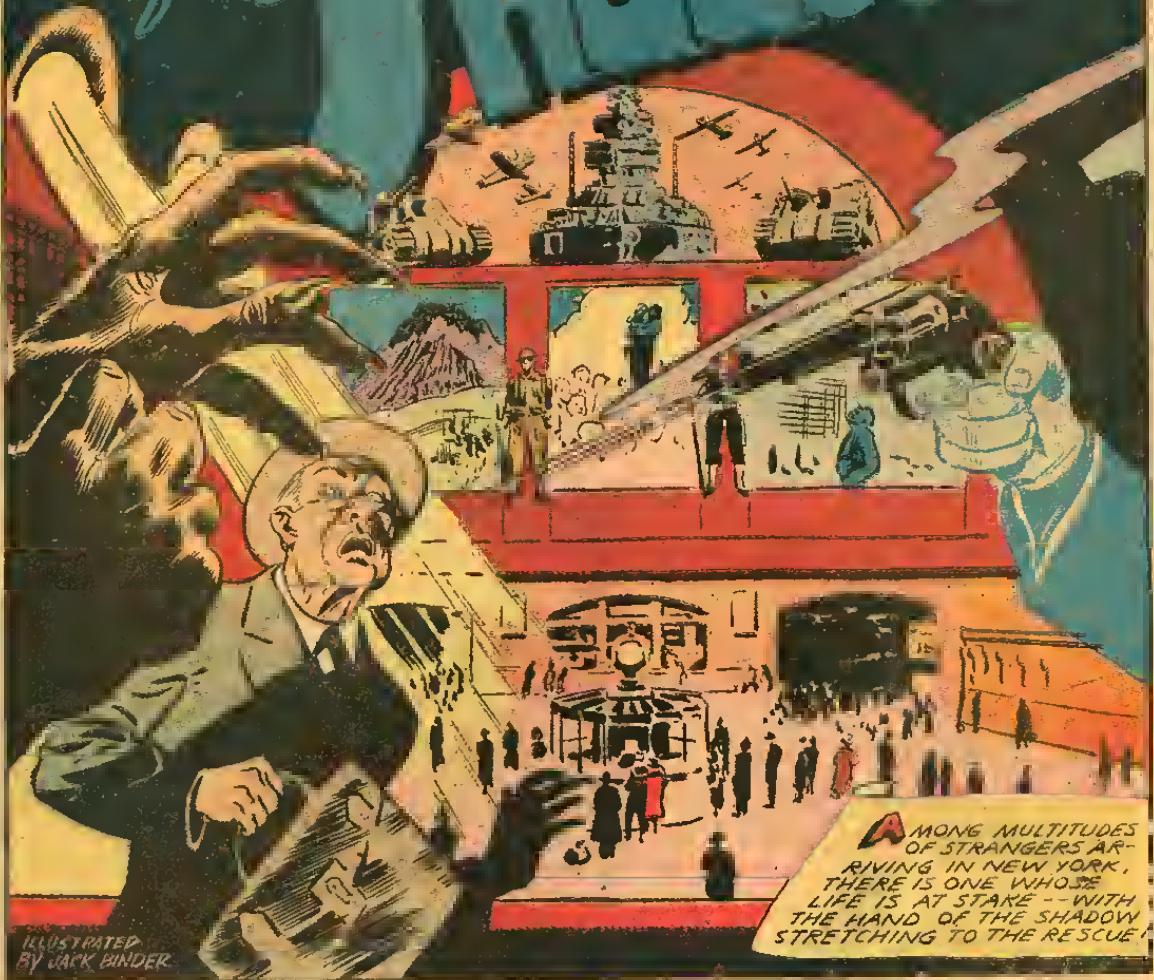


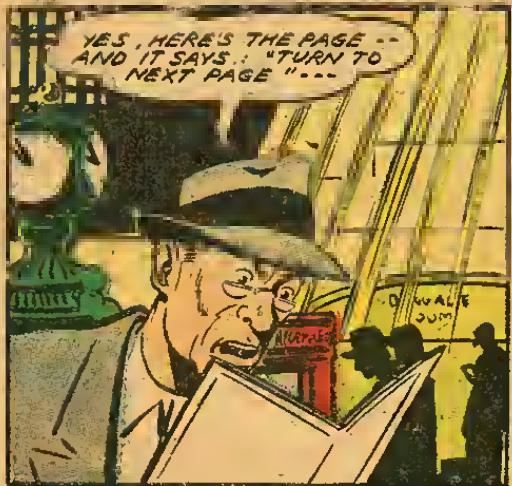
REELING BACK AGAINST THE WALL, ZANDRICKS' HAND FINDS A SWITCH....PULLS IT AND A WALL OF CRACKLING, EXPLODING LIGHTNING KNOCKS THE HOODED WASP BACK....



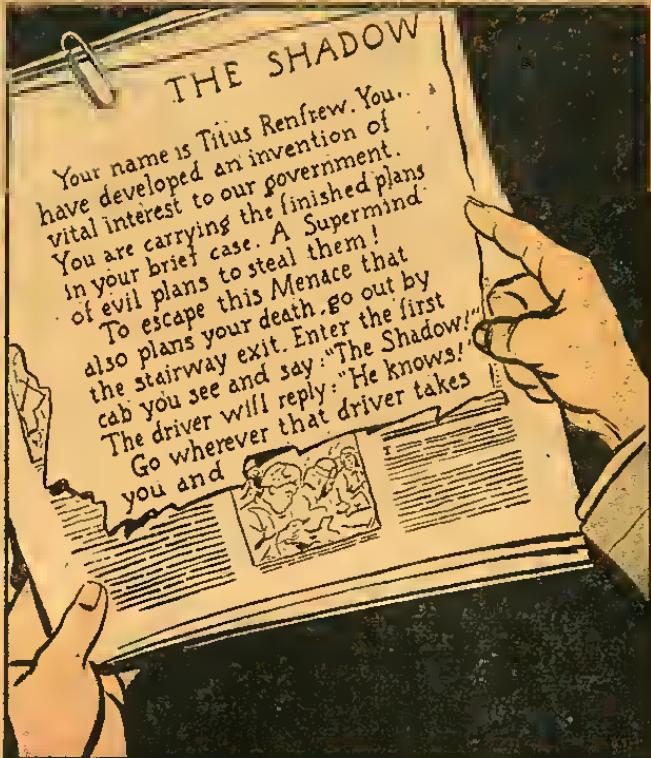


# The HAND of the SHADOW





THAT DOES MEAN ME! IT HAS THE FACTS RIGHT TO THE DOT! NOW TO FIND THAT STAIRWAY EXIT!

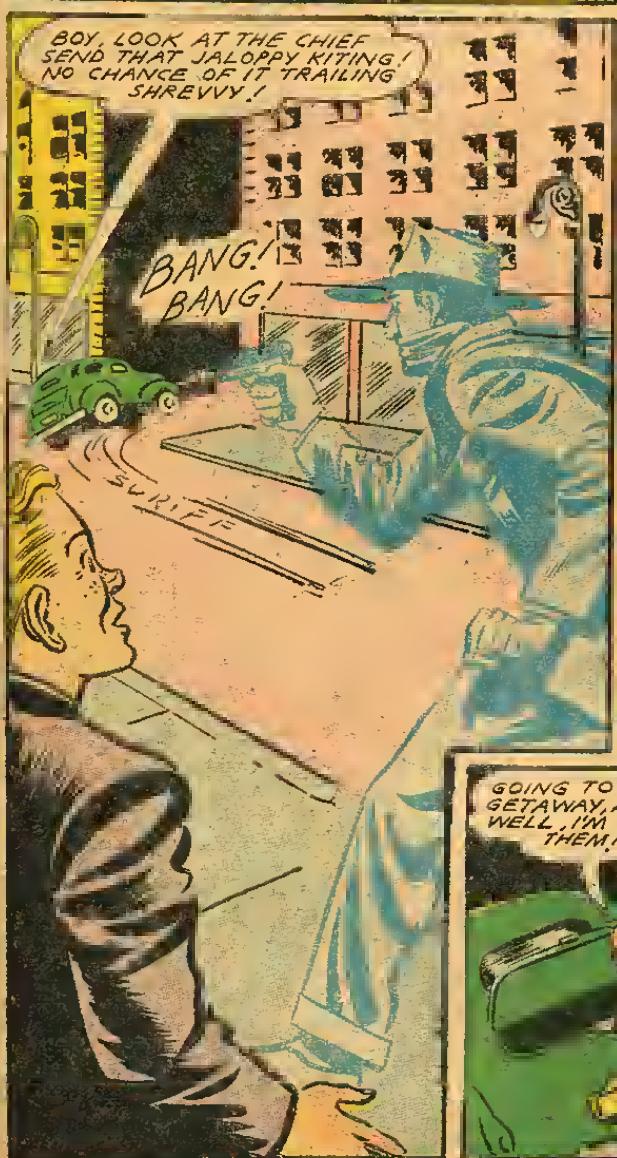
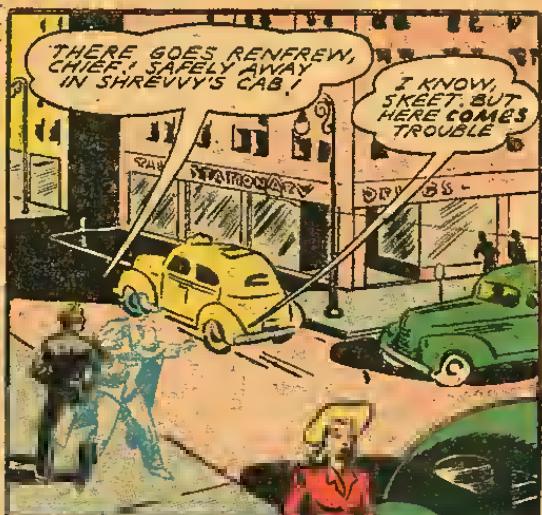
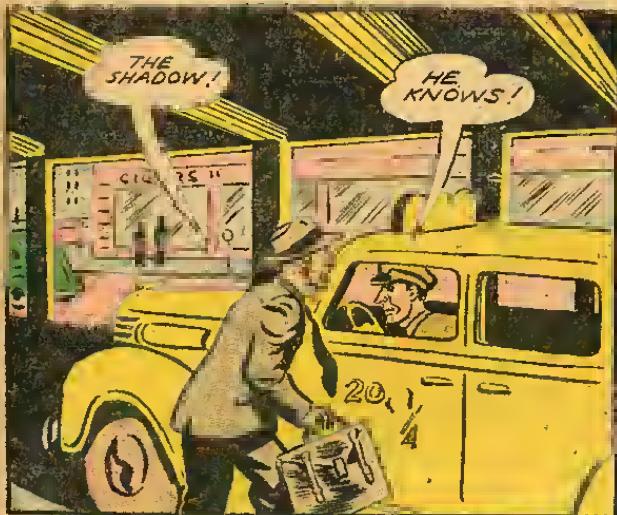


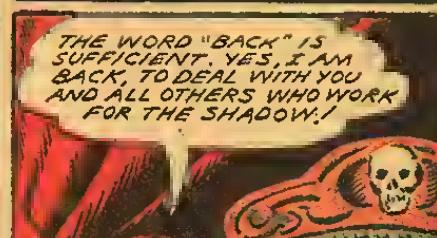
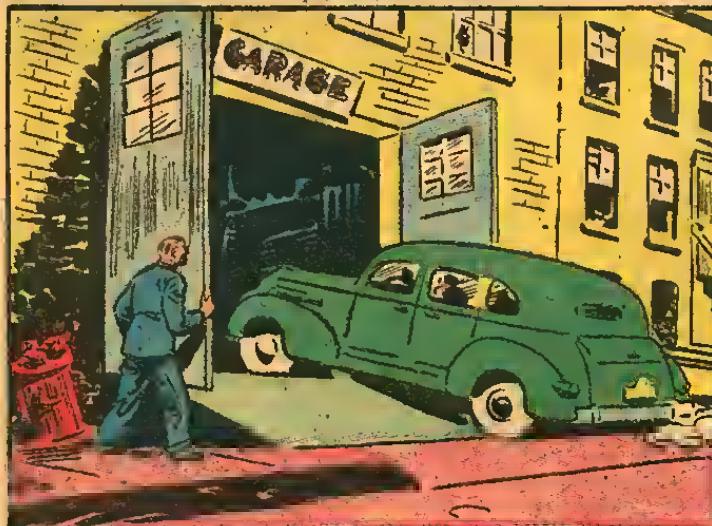
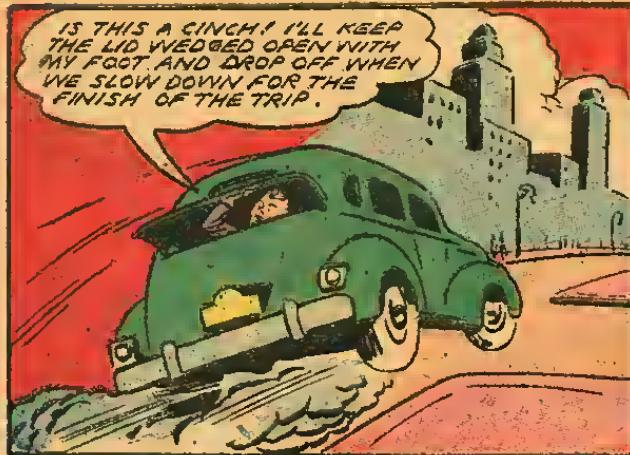
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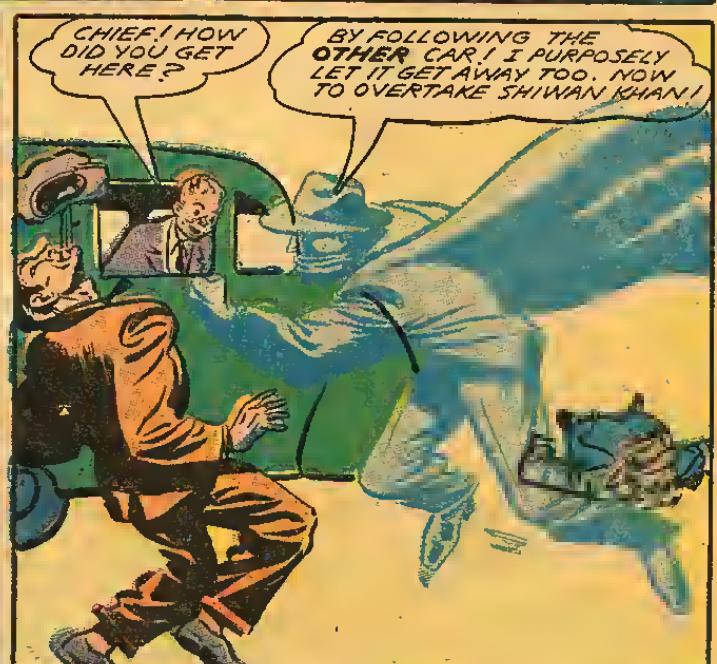


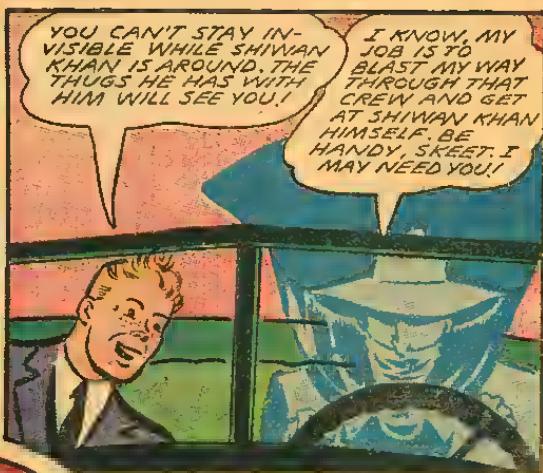
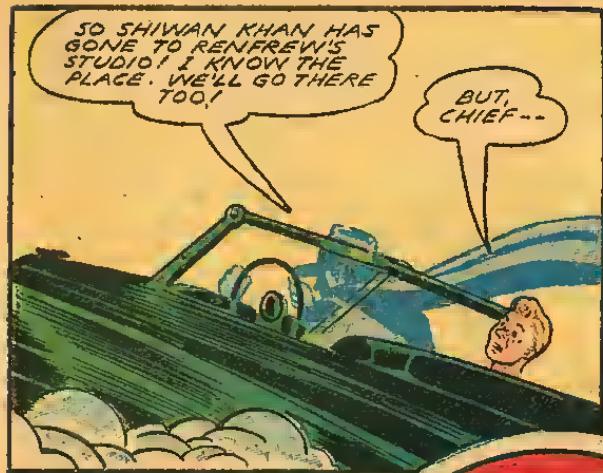
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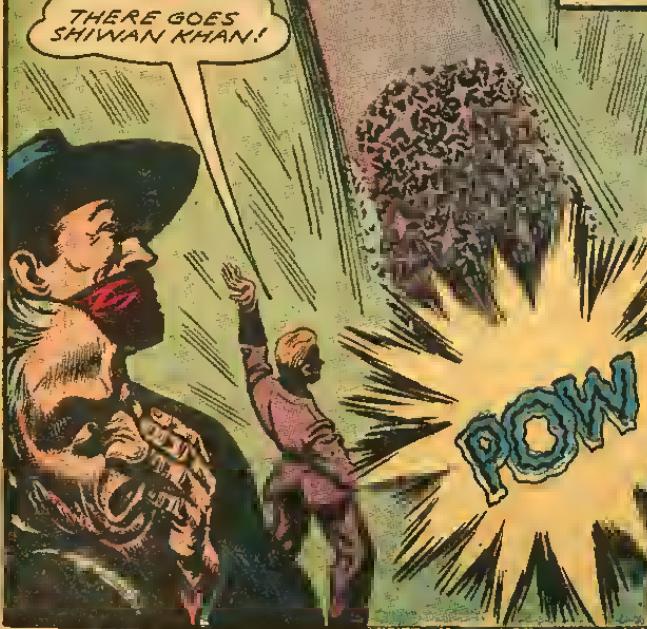


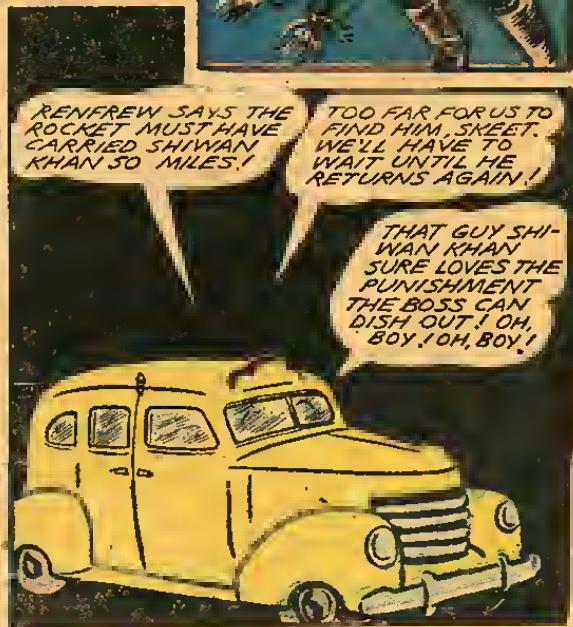












# WHO IS DEVIL KYOTI?

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Relics of an ancient barbarism are the legends of Japan, strange fantasies of an uncivilized era as vicious as the creatures who perpetuate those myths today.

According to the Japanese, their emperor is descended from the sun goddess Amaterasu, who in turn is served by a flock of preposterous deities stemming from Izanagi and Izanami, who likewise were reputed to have created the islands which are now Japan.

For centuries this nonsense has been propagated by the Shintoists, a group of pretended sorcerers, who have tenaciously tried to make their cult the religion of Japan. Through

generations the Shinto wizards have practiced their pretended miracles, preying constantly upon the superstitious Nipponese.

Even when statistics showed that only a trifling percentage of the Japanese were followers of Shinto, which in their language means "the way of the gods," it was a recognized fact that all the natives of Nippon were in some degree influenced by the old legends.

Shinto was simmering, waiting to boil, bringing toil and trouble. The cult played its hand craftily, by crouching behind the imperial throne, always ready to whisper in the ear of the emperor, should the populace seek to disown him.

Well did Shinto play its hand during the feuds between the emperor and the Shogun, who at one time ruled Japan. Always it was the balance that could swing popular favor from one to the other. Under the Shogun, or feudal leader, Shinto was preparing to rise supreme, when he was overthrown; wherewith, Shinto craftily swung to the emperor and sought his good graces, offering its services in return.

Cleverly roosting on the balance of the seesaw was another creature, calling himself the Black Dragon, head of the society that bears the same name. From him, the Shinto clan must curry favor, since he is at present as powerful as they. Teamed together, these two forces are a huge influence in the suicidal fanaticism which binds the Japanese race.



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Their islands are doomed, as every rumble of sleeping volcanoes, every shiver of an earthquake tells them. They know that the Shinto clan is lulling them with talk of a thousand protective gods, whereas one—if real—would be sufficient to protect them.

In the heart of every Japanese is the fear that one power exists who is against them. A power that can only be represented as a fiend incarnate, bound by the jumbled mesh that the Shinto wizards constantly weave. A fiend that they really worship, even though they do not know his name, yet whose devilish influence holds them in its sway.

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So we shall name him: Devil Kyoti!

Potent is the fact that the Japanese recognize two places where the power of their sun-goddess, Amaterasu holds no sway. One is *yomi*, the Japanese Hades, where a creature like Devil Kyoti could only dwell. The other realm that Amaterasu cannot conquer is the sea!

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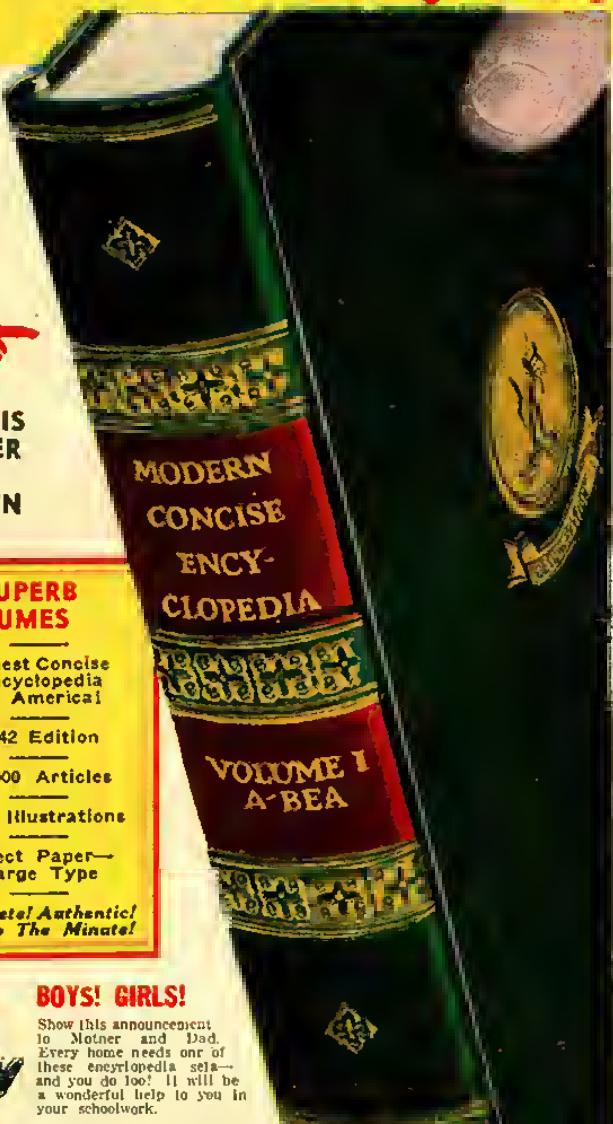
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